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m.v. COMMUNICATOR - CUSTOMS REPLACE ENGINE PARTS

Following an incident on 20 October, 1986 when our vessel dragged anchor on the River Stour and narrowly missed damaging the Sealink vessel 'Cambridge Ferry', on Friday afternoon the 24 October, 1986, Customs & Excise returned to our vessel the main engine drive shaft bearings removed on 26 September, 1986.

It is understood that the Department of Trade & Industry could not justify any legal reason for holding them. EAP's Solicitors put a lot of pressure on the Customs & Excise and clearly after one month the authorities could not come up with a single legal reason to justify their action. Finally after last weeks anchor dragging Ray Anderson, Managing Director of East Anglian Productions personally wrote to the Customs & Excise holding them responsible for any damage to any parties caused by having the ship immobilised, plus costs incurred with tug companies etc., "All our safety improvements to the vessel have been carried out" said Ray Anderson, "The authorities were even accusing us of not carrying out safety improvements when in fact nobody from The Department had visited the vessel since last November. All we have to do now is get the Panamanian Authorities to issue the certificates and then we should be able to get the Detention Order lifted from the vessel."

Ray Anderson added that it seemed that the DTI's Radio Regulatory Department, responsible for last years surveillance of the Offshore Radio Stations, had stirred up this whole matter and then used the Department of Transport to cover-up their action.

A letter has been sent to Customs & Excise thanking them for reinstating our main engines. Finally, Ray Anderson added that it seems disgusting that it takes a near disaster to get any satisfactory conclusion to our problem.

The week's headlines.....Communicator gets her engine parts back..... Magda Maria free to sail.....Another 'Overdrive' party(wot!).....more stations appear in Ireland.....Alan West in Italy.....Don't delay, read on.

We seem a long way into the report for the opening paragraph, but due to receiving the press release from EAP, we thought it would be appreciated if we re-produced it in whole, rather than re-type it on our machine. Thanks to everyone who has kindly sent in cuttings, news, information, logs and reports this week. Special thanks to those of you who sent the cuttings about the Communicator, from the local South East newspapers. Finally thanks to our Dutch interpreter, for translating the Paradijs information. Without this assistance, this report would be far less comprehensive than it currently is.

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NEW MERCHANDISE. We don't appear to be able to offer our subscribers anything new this week. However, we are pleased to report that most items listed in our current (Winter) merchandise list, are in stock a-plenty. Only odd things are in short supply, (some sizes of Laser T-shirts, for example, are awaited). These should be back in stock in a few days time, however. Remember, it is only seven weeks to Christmas, please order as early as you can. We are desperately trying to eliminate disappointed customers this year, who ordered late, last year, and the post office was not able to deliver on time. Now is the time to test our 'return of post' service. We can even offer the medium wave frame aerial by return, at the moment!

NEW ARRIVALS. The current edition of **Media Monitor** (No. 38), contains 20 x A5 pages of the latest international radio news, including 5 pages of London, and 4 pages of SW free radio news. For more information, contact Roger Tidy, 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1X 9BA**Radiotelex** (Issue 85) contains 6 pages of logs, and news on SW free radio stations heard during the past two weeks. For a sample copy, send 40p to us. With it, you will receive a subscription form with details of how to get further copies direct from RT.....The October issue of **FRS Goes DX** (No. 52), the newsletter of FRS Holland, also arrived this week, and includes 13 pages of mainly SW and offshore news. Details on this A5 magazine can be obtained from : FRS Holland, P.O. Box 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, The Netherlands.....**PLAY-DX** (No. 433) has 6 x A4 pages, and includes lists of the more unusual logs heard in Europe, mainly on MW and 90m SW bands. With the American DX season upon us, this magazine keeps you up to date each week on which stations to look out for. For more information contact Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.....Although not actually arrived as yet, **NOW RADIO** Issue 13 is published first thing Monday. 32 pages in this A5 issue, and packed with lots of news and info, as always. £1.00 should guarantee a sample copy, from Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering NN16 ONW...Tel: (0536) 514437. Editor, Jay Jackson, tells us that due to his phone being rather quiet over the weekend, he has decided to institute an info-line service, as from next Saturday, at 14:00, until Monday morning at 09:00. The latest general radio news will be available each weekend, during these hours, simply by calling the above number. Obviously, following this information, the tone will be heard, and messages, news or info can be recorded, as normal.

CONTACTS GALORE. D.J.'s required for "Heartbeat FM, 95.5mHz." Obviously, experience in easy-listening presentation is essential. Contact David on Dublin (01) 680835.

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND. DUBLIN. With the shorter days, listening becomes less easy, and more of a chore, away from sophisticated aerial systems, on the medium wave band(in other words, it is difficult to hear the station at our place of work). As a result, only limited listening has been possible as regards the Dublin stations. **Q 102** seems particularly poor on medium wave, however, with the help of a good FM array, FM listening is most pleasant at times. This next week sees the return of the 'Q song', when a particular song is played in the morning. On hearing the same song played later, lucky winners could receive £102 plus tickets for Chris de Burgh in Concert. Other giveaways have been noted, in particular a Mitsubishi one, this week.

Around the corner in Upper Leeson Street, **Energy 103** started the week instyle with their Bank Holiday 'Double Dozen' feature, whereby records from a particular artists were played alternatively each hour throughout the day. Tuesday saw the new line-up commence(as printed in last week's report). Notable was the 'Cruise' at 10:00 and 'The Three O'Clock Thrill' when records from a past year are featured.

Further North in Portmarnock, **Sunshine Radio**(a.k.a. **Hot Hits 101**) was noted promoting 'Be-Bop Gold' from 09:00 till 3:00 each Sunday, following a successful first airing last week.

Radio Dublin now seems to be operating another FM outlet. Announcements on the station indicate that the new transmitter is operating on 100MHz, however it is understood to be actually on 100.15MHz. The power is apparently quite low(possibly only 25 watts), compared to their main outlet on 105MHz, but due to the excellent site, is producing good results. It would be interesting to know if the high powered **Boyneside Radio**(from Drogheda)on 100.1MHz, is causing any problems in parts of the city. The station was also noted giving away prizes to people who answered a question with 'Radio Dublin plays better music'.

The unidentified station, testing on 88.0mHz. has still not made itself known. Pleasant audio has been reported in Dublin. A number of names have been put forward, as being behind the proposed station, but as yet, no announcements have been forthcoming.

A blank carrier on 108.0mHz. has been reported also. Nothing further is known here, either.

L.L.C.R. seem to have moved one of their three FM transmitters to 104.3mHz. This was reported, and was also noted here in Blackpool, in the week.

On the subject of moves, **Capitol Radio/Nite Sky 96** has moved slightly to 95.6mHz. They were also noted ID-ing as Capitol at night, although this could have been a mistake on the presenters part.



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CAPITOL RADIO

Boyneside Radio's Dublin relay has returned, but conditions on FM have not been good enough to log the 105.5mHz. transmissions here.

Other Dublin stations noted during the week....**ZEE 96**, testing, on 96.6mHz., **Phoenix 99**, on 99.0mHz., **Pulsar 98**, on 98.0mHz. and **Diamond Radio**, on 105.7mHz.

WICKLOW. W.L.C.B. This station seems to have been having more than it's fair share of problems lately. After being off the air for a substantial period last week, on the frequency of 1584kHz., it appeared back on 1602kHz (the frequency which they were actually on, when that particular transmitter went missing several months ago). They were only on this frequency for a short while and it once again went off air, and hasn't been heard on MW for the last week.

Co. Kildare. Big M Community Radio in Co. Monaghan was off the air all week, on 1413kHz, which meant that **Kildare Community Radio (KCR)**, could be clearly heard once again over on this side of the water. KCR is a rare catch these days in the U.K., due to the powerful signal of Big M. A blank carrier, believed to be emanating from Kildare Local Broadcasting, was heard for a couple of days on 1224kHz. The signal was quite good, and in fact, was stronger than KCR, who operate from a similar area. On Sunday, this carrier came alive with audio and announced as **KLB(Kildare Local**

Broadcasting) Community Radio. They also announced 102.4mHz., in stereo. The programming was mainly community orientated with many local announcements and adverts noted. The address was given out as KLB Community Radio, Eyre Street, Newbridge, Co. Kildare...Tel: (045) 32658.

ATHLONE. A new station began broadcasting to this town on Saturday 25th October. It identified itself as **A.I.R.** (Athlone Independent Radio), and broadcasts on a medium wave frequency of 1512kHz, and announces as 198metres. A.I.R. apparently comes from the Connaught side of Athlone, and up to now has only a limited coverage, however they are only operating on about 1/4 their possible transmitter power. Presenters heard so far include Noel Lackey and Ray O'Reilly(ex Athlone Local Radio).

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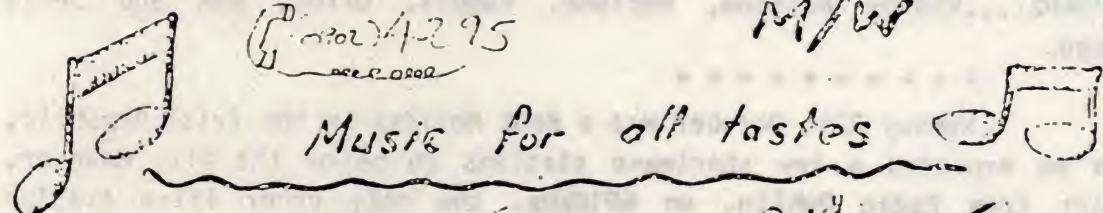
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OMEATH. ZEE 103.3. This station was audible again here last Sunday night, with good strength, but had disappeared when we tuned in on Monday morning. However it returned later with similar tests as before, and these have continued, on and off during the week. The signal remains very good, although somewhat overmodulated at times. The address is still being announced as P.O. Box 5, Portadown, Co. Armagh, N.I.

KILKENNY. According to Radio West's free radio show, Kilkenny Community Radio are at present off FM, although can be heard, but only on low power, on AM, on 1386kHz.

LIMERICK. Again, according to the Radio West show, the situation in this city looks like this, thanks to a presenter from City Centre Radio, who rang in this morning with a most excellent report on the scene there.....Radio Luimni on 1125kHz., 96.4 and 103.0mHz.FM, City Centre Radio, located at 29 Roches Street in Limerick, on 97.4 and 101.0mHz., no medium wave at present, but expected back any day now (we used to receive CCR on 1611kHz. ages ago) and MBC, located at 28 William Street in Limerick, on 96.5mHz.,

CORK. Chris Barry, recently out in Italy at Riviera 104, is now reported as being on Radio ERI, from 21:00.

KILNALECK. Breffni Radio's FM transmitter returned to the airwaves in the week, on 95.6mHz., again.

RIVIERA 104(Italy). Currently standing in for the holidaying Dave Windsor on this station, is none other than Alan West.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. Again, nothing to report from there, this week.

RADIO PARADIJS. Rumours have been flying for a long time, about the imminent release of the Radio Paradijs vessel, m.v. Magda Maria. Although up until now we have had no news to print, following an article in the latest issue of the Dutch 'Free Radio Magazine', we have been sent a rough translation by our good friend Jos, in Holland. Before we print any of this however, it may be helpful to some readers who do not remember the station, for us to print a brief history.

During the early summer of 1981, the m.v. Magda Maria, was moored off the North Wall Quay, in Dublin, Eire. The port authorities had been informed that the ship was being fitted out as a vessel which examines the sea bed. However in reality, the hold of the vessel was being transformed into a floating radio station. Both studio and transmitting equipment, which included a 10kW transmitter, were installed whilst the ship was moored at this location. Externally however, the Magda Maria looked no different to when it had first arrived in Dublin, from Germany, where it had attracted the attention of the authorities, hence the move, and thus attracted little attention. The first problems, in the long dragged out tale of the vessel, came in July, when a mast was hastily built on the quayside. This was immediately brought to the attention of the Harbour Master, but by the time he had got around to doing anything about it, the ship had slipped its moorings, and was out in the Irish Sea. At this point, the mast had apparently not been completed, and so the finishing touches were done at sea, which may explain why it had a kink in it, about one third the way up, plus other problems which occurred on it's trip around the Southern coast of England. After some days sailing, the ship finally anchored off the coast of the Netherlands, and shortly afterwards began test transmissions, the most widely heard being on Sunday 26th July 1981. These tests were made on 1107kHz, 271 metres, a frequency which has now unfortunately, like so many other channels, fallen prey to several UK 'official' stations/relays. In addition to normal test transmissions, tapes of Radio Nova(Dublin) were aired, and amongst voices noted was that of Tony Allan, famous for being in at the start of so many stations. Tony was not however, on board, these were merely tapes recorded during the ship's stay in Dublin harbour. These were to be the only broadcasts that the station would make, as shortly after this, the ship was escorted by the authorities, into Dutch territorial waters, to be eventually impounded.

We now print a rough translation of the article that appeared in the current FRM (November 1986)....."After five years of wranglings in the Dutch Courts, the m.v. Magda Maria is free to go. But there had been devious goings on before this. Apparently on May 29th, it was decided that the ship should be given its freedom. However, the court did not inform either the Paradijs lawyer,(de Jonge) nor the Paradijs organisation about its decision, and they were only informed at the end of September. Apparently, the result of the court case was only given to the cook of Radio Paradijs, John Montanus, who was arrested when the ship was raided in July 1981!!!! It is understood that the ship has to leave the harbour in Amsterdam, about October 15th. This seems rather strange, considering the ship has been 'locked up' for 5 years, and is thus, in bad condition. There is also the problem of all the parts that have been stolen during this period. Despite these problems though, there is an amusing end to this long story, which is the knocking the smile off the faces of the Dutch DTI. That is, with smiles on their faces 5 years ago, they destroyed the dream of millions, a radio-ship. They now have to suffer, and rebuild it as it was when it was illegally towed into territorial waters.....Let us hope that Radio Paradijs will once again take to the airwaves, this time for a much longer period.

COMMUNICATOR. The first anniversary of the closedown of Laser 558, and the subsequent sailing in to Harwich of the m.v. Communicator, takes place this week. The ship, however is still in the headlines one year later, as can be seen by all the newspaper cuttings this week. Let us hope that this latest incident, is the last of the attempts by the authorities, to keep the ship from becoming a radio station once again.

CAROLINE. A rather quiet week here, although the staff of the Ross Revenge seem to be having a rather rough time on board. Judging by the weather forecast, which is broadcast on the half hour, the North Sea has been moderate to rough most of the week, so this should be a good test, for the recently completed repairs and maintenance to the mast. The current line-up is the same as last weeks of 05:00 Dave Owen...09:00 Peter Philips...13:00 Tony Peters...17:00 Jamie King...21:00

John Dwyer...01:00 Jenny McKenzie. Both channels are currently operating a full 24 schedule. No new commercials have been aired this week, following the large number heard recently. An interesting cutting, on the sheet this week, involves P.D. Brown Auto Sales whose advert has continued to be heard this week. Apparently they have found a loophole in the Marine etc. Broadcasting Offence Act, because their overseas branch in Australia placed the commercial, and not the British company.

'Caroline Overdrive' now seems to be starting between about 21:00, and 21:30, depending on the lengths of the programmes during 'Viewpoint 963'. During the week, Mark Matthews hosts until 01:00, when Tom Anderson takes over and does the honours until the start of Radio Monique at 04:00. At the weekend Mark and Tom swap over these shifts. The Overdrive sweatshirts advert from Superior Leisurewear continues to be aired, and Tom Anderson, has produced a different version of the final 1986 Brighton Record Fair commercial, specially for the 963kHz service. The 'Overdrive Halloween Party', started as promised shortly after 21:00 last night(Saturday) with Tom Anderson doing the first slot. The programme was full of screams, creaking, horrible sloshing noises, and other suitable sounds for Halloween. Even special adverts had been produced, including an eerie one for Overdrive Tee-Shirts. A rather silly one offered us a blow up John Dwyer, from Northern Games, and according to the ad, this doll is inflatable from both ends!!! For the first time on 'Overdrive', radio bingo came on the air at about 23:10, with Reginald Hecklethwaite reading out the numbers. The madness then continued through the night with many 'spooky' records and promos.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. Radio Merseywaves made their usual appearance on 1242kHz, on both Saturday and today. They were also noted last Monday, which completes their current weekend shows, which last from Saturday through to the early hours of Tuesday morning. The signal at this location, as always, is excellent, even during the evenings, when strong foreign stations normally obliterate most MW stations. Station owner, Burt Williams, was on air on Sunday afternoon. Anfield Community Radio made this week's broadcast, on a different frequency. They now seem to have moved down to 1395kHz/214metres. This frequency is much clearer at this location. In recent weeks the old frequency(around 1431kHz) was virtually inaudible here, due to it drifting about and hence causing loud whistles because of the ILR stations underneath. Storeton Community Radio were not on the air again this week, and apparently this was due to their link location, being broken into once again, and equipment damaged. Tim Jackson, in his report on the Merseyside scene, also mentions Radio Julie, on 104.8mHz., and says that if it was not for this station, there would be nothing to hear mid-week in his area, as all other stations seem to concentrate on weekend broadcasts. He goes on to mention Radio Veronica on 104.7/104.8mHz., with their Friday night/Sunday afternoon/evening shows, Mersey FM on 102.3mHz., Radio Commodore on 103.4mHz. and Concept Radio on 104.4mHz. Only Veronica is audible here, however, and this station is currently on air as this report is typed(Sunday 16:00).

LONDON. First off here, is news that the Network 21 television station, now has an outlet on the FM band. This was heard in the London area, on Friday night from about 20:00-02:50. The frequency was 89.9mHz. Programming was mainly aimed at a minority audience. Also announced, were further transmissions for the early hours of the following day. However, no reports of these transmissions have been received.

News from SSM from last week, and Alan from this week. Last week first...3BR, despite raids, returned to the airwaves, last weekend, on the usual 1125kHz. frequency...On 1575kHz., a blank carrier was noted at 12:40. From the direction and signal strength, this could have been a test by Radio Neptune. On FM, the following stations were noted South of the capital...TKO on 90.9mHz., LWR on 92.1mHz., KISS FM on 94.0mHz.(this was silenced by midday), Starpoint Radio on 94.3mHz.(also silenced by mid afternoon) and People's Choice on 103.6mHz. This weekend, logged East of London were...W.O.N.E. on 94.5mHz., TKO on 90.9mHz., LWR on 92.0mHz., Starpoint on 94.3mHz. and LGR on 105.1mHz. The latter four were all reported logged on Thursday evening last.

THE MIDLANDS. Just PCRL reported here this weekend, on 103.5mHz.

SOUTHEND. Desmond from Essex reports the following stations heard....KCR, on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, on 90.55mHz., Radio Activity on Sundays from 15:00 to 19:00, on 90.8 and 104.8mHz. and Radio Atlantis, on Sundays from 19:00 to 21:00, on 103.7mHz.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

A grand total of 37 stations logged this morning. Logs in bold type are ours, here in Blackpool, the ones in normal type are kindly rung in on (0253) 882017 by colleagues in the Midlands and in Kent.

Conditions were very good today, throughout the morning, with the only problems being caused by interference from other users, distorted audio or low modulation, or even failing to identify!

SHORTWAVE STATIONS...TODAY'S LOG.

6200kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 11:43gmt.
6200kHz...4FWS(via above), at 12:03gmt.
6207kHz...**RADIO TONAIR**, at 08:36gmt.
6207kHz...POGO 104, at 09:10gmt.
6207kHz...**RADIO SCORPIO**, at 10:09gmt.
6207kHz...HOLIDAY RADIO, at 14:19gmt.
6207kHz...**RADIO DELMARE**, at 15:29gmt.(Till 18:00?).
6220kHz...Unid., at 10:09gmt.(A-UK advert noted).
6230kHz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMM.** at 11:35gmt.
6240kHz...**RADIO RAINBOW INT.**, at 10:49gmt.
6261kHz...GOOD NEWS RADIO(via Skywave), at 10:17gmt.
6261kHz...**RADIO SOUNDS INT.**(via Skywave), at 11:34gmt.
6261kHz...**RADIO SKYWAVE INT.**, at 12:49gmt.
6270kHz...Unid., at 11:52gmt.
6276kHz...**RADIO OMEGA INT.**, at 10:29gmt.
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 11:47gmt.
6285kHz...Unid.(WMR jingle??), at 13:25gmt.
6292kHz...Unid.(Radio Dutchboy?), at 11:31gmt.
6297kHz...**RADIO NOVA(Belgium)**, at 10:26gmt.
6310kHz...**RADIO IRELAND INT.**, at 11:33gmt.
6315kHz...**RADIO TUTENCHAMUN**(Test TX), at 11:13gmt.
6319kHz...F.M.T.R., at 10:00gmt.
6330kHz...Unid.(Neptune?), at 11:48gmt.
6370kHz...F.M.T.R. at 10:30gmt.
6400kHz...Unid., at 09:31gmt.
6525kHz...**RIVERSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 10:53gmt.
6570kHz...Unid.(Radio ??? Int., Holland), 13:10gmt.
6815kHz...**RADIO PAMELA**, at 10:57gmt.
6815kHz...**RADIO MONGOOSE**, at 13:46gmt.
6825kHz...Unid.(Radiotelex ad.), at 13:17gmt.
6910kHz...WORLD MUSIC RADIO(Via Dublin), at 08:27gmt.
6910kHz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 10:02gmt.
7295kHz...**RADIO WAVES INT.**(via Milano), at 09:03gmt.
7357kHz...**RADIO 101**, at 09:06gmt.
7357kHz...**RADIO K.B.C.**, signing off, at 09:57gmt.
7377kHz...R.A.I.(Radio Aquarius Int.), at 09:52gmt.
7383kHz...R.A.I.(Radio Aquarius Int.), at 11:02gmt.

Radio Ireland International have now introduced their new address, it is...10 North Richmond Street, Dublin 1, Republic of Ireland. Radio Omega, on one of their rare appearances, gave out the 32 Victoria Road, Salisbury address. F.M.T.R. introduced something new to shortwave...news on the hour, each hour throughout the day, from 08:30 till 17:30gmt. R.A.I. on 7383kHz. gave out an address of Postbus 65027, Rotterdam. Following the end of normal programmes, the following were heard in QSO around 6240kHz....Radios Rainbow, Neptune, Pamela, Orion, WMR and Delta Tango.

Monday 27th October was a Bank Holiday in the Irish Republic, and we expected a few shortwave stations to be on the air. However, apart from Radio Dublin, on 6910kHz, the only other Irish station heard at our location was Radio Ireland International, on 6310kHz, which was logged after 12:17gmt., with their own show, followed by a relay of Energy 103. Their signal here was the strongest for a long time, so its a pity we couldn't have tuned in earlier to enjoy in good quality, more of their own programme. Other stations heard on Monday..... a 'live' relay of Caroline 558, which was being broadcast on 6280kHz, at about 12:30gmt, and also, both Radio Pamela and 'Laser Shortwave', were heard in QSO on 6240kHz, after about 12:50gmt.

Amendments to last week's log, from Podney R. Sixe, Stuart, SSM, James, Alan, Geoff and Bradley.....6207kHz...Holiday Radio, at 12:16gmt.(via Delmare, with the Wuppertal address).....6207kHz...Radio Limit Int., at 13:22gmt.(via Delmare).....6331kHz., Radio Neptune, at 10:36gmt....6207kHz., Free Radio Company, at 14:55gmt.

Stations heard on various days during last week....Radio Dublin on 6910kHz. and Radio Orion on 6200kHz. The transmissions from Radio Orion were running into problems with Radio Tirana who are now operating on this channel during the late morning. This is giving rise to a variable heterodyne whistle, which varies in strength from day to day. Radio Scorpio was also heard on Friday at 12:40gmt., on 6207kHz. On Saturday, the following were heard being relayed by Radio Delmare, after identifying themselves....Radio Pamela at 09:43gmt., Radio Liberty Sound, at 10:55gmt., Radio Sunrise, at 12:38gmt., Radio Arrow, at 12:42gmt. and Radio Freetime, at 15:03gmt. An FRC network, comprising of several free radio stations broadcasting via Delmare, was also mentioned.

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A slightly different look to your WR this week. This was not intentional, but due to problems with the printer(machine, not man!). Hopefully, we should be able to offer 'Boldface', as it is known, again, next week(Rank Xerox permitting!). Actually, we are trying out one or two new logo designs over the next week or two. When you spot one, you might let us know what you think, if you are writing to us.

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write to the duo at this address....c/o 24 Green Lawn, Kinsale Road, Cork, Republic of Ireland.

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GENERAL CHAT. A couple of interesting sightings have come to light during the week....The current edition of 'Ships Monthly' carries a photograph of the Ark Royal, just in front of which, can be seen, if not 'the Ross' then a Ross sister ship. We are told it is in fact the Ross Revenge and it certainly does resemble same! Any comments?.....Clive in Essex watched ITN News at 5:45 on Thursday night last. During the reporting of the Shetlands helicopter accident, they showed old film footage of the offshore oil rigs. Part of this footage featured a rig with a 'Ross' ship immediately in front. Did anyone else see it, or know which Ross ship it was, or have further details.....Spotted by our keen eyed colleague in the Midlands....ITV Oracle Channel 4 Television...Tuesday 4th November 1986...Page 541, Sheet 6 of 8....."Tony Blackburn's Soul Spot"...'The Pirates are back'....Have you noticed how many of the pirate radio stations, shut down after a Home Office purge, are coming back on the air...I contacted the Radio Regulations Department on this, to see what plans they had, if any, to deal with this recurring problem...They told me that, while they were able to occasionally silence these pirates, they weren't always in a position to act, if they chose to break the law again...I came away from a long conversation realising that red tape keeps the pirates on the air!

We are getting enquiries, now that the long nights are with us again, about medium wave radio reception. Once dusk arrives, it will make no difference whether you have a 'tranny' or a sophisticated communications receiver. The signals start to come in via the sky, that is skywave, or skip. If the station you were listening to, on ground wave, say Caroline, is on the same channel as some other foreign station, and the skip favours that station, the foreign one will come in, rather than the one you want, no matter what set you use, or what type of aerial used. Two things only, it appears, will help, light nights is one, higher transmitter power on your station, is the other. Speaking about poor ground wave conditions, we are fast approaching the shortest day, after which, these conditions will slowly improve. Conditions were so bad here yesterday,

NEW ARRIVALS. As mentioned last week, **Now Radio** (Issue 13) duly arrived and contains 32 x A5 pages of radio news, both legal and 'illegal'. Sample copy is £1.00, from : Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering NN16 0NW, further details about the magazine will be forwarded along with same.....**Short Wave Newsletter** (No. 2) has been available for a couple of weeks, we understand, and contains the latest schedules and news about what is happening on that band, from the International broadcasters. There is also a log of free radio stations heard during the previous weeks. Price for this 6 page, A4 magazine, is just 60p from : SWN, 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH. Cheques to be made payable to P.S. Willsher....Issue 111 of the **CLCG Magazine** is in A4 format, and has 28 pages. This magazine is printed in German, and includes logs, logos(!), newspaper cuttings and lots, lots more. Details can be received from : CLCG, P.O. Box 54 01 01, D-4100 Duisburg 11, West Germany....Another European magazine is **PLAY-DX**, which is mainly in Italian, and includes logs of unusual/rare catches on both MW and SW. No 434 is now out, and can be obtained weekly, from : Dario Monferini, v.Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy....The latest arrival this week is **Media Monitor** (No. 39), which includes up to date international media news, as well as 4 pages on the London Free Radio Scene. Cost for a sample copy of this 12 page, A5 magazine is 70p, from : Roger Tidy, 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1X 9BA, England.....Finally, Issue No. 10 of **Jaybee News** is now available. An occasional newsletter, produced by John A. Burch, the promotional manager of the Caroline Movement, to fill in between CM Bulletins and to answer enquiries received by John. Jaybee News is 6 x A4 sides and is available from 23 Grove Road, Grays, Essex RM17 6JY, enclosing an SAE if you are a CM member, or 10p, plus an SAE if you are not. Well worth checking out.

CONTACTS GALORE. Siobhan and Karen in Cork are keen to set up a pirate radio 'club' there. Any other 'Anoraks' or the like, keen to join in, may like to

mid-afternoon, that we were able to hear United Arab Emirates Radio, from Dubai in the Middle East, on 1481kHz., quite clearly. Having said all this about poor ground wave conditions, sky wave is the opposite, and late night/early morning dx-ers will relish these conditions, as Canadian/American and other 'new world' stations are audible most nights.

RADIO STATION NEWS.....IRELAND. The legislation question crops up here, again, and it appears that a new draft of the Local Radio Bill is being proposed by the chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, Mr Michael Bell, TD(MP). We shall observe with interest this latest move. We, at A-UK, did discuss what we would write about if all the Irish stations were silenced. We decided that there would still be plenty of activity, as 'pirate stations' would take over from the 'independent, unlicensed operators'. In other words, it would become like England.

DUBLIN....**Q102** were having a few problems with their 102.1MHz transmitter during the first half of last week, and it was off the air for a time. According to Al Dunne on Wednesday, they were just "recharging the batteries". A strong, fully modulated carrier was heard back on the air, on Thursday morning shortly after 10:00. Once again the station was giving away plenty of prizes in competitions, this week.

Energy 103. Lots of listening done here this week, but little of note to report. Breakfast presenter, Gareth O'Callaghan, has re-started the 'surprise phone up', initially run by Tony McKenzie on his breakfast show. Someone writes in and puts forward the name of a friend who they wish to have phoned up. They send in lots of background detail, then Gareth rings them with a 'cock and bull story', which is very often 'swallowed, hook, line and sinker', as they say. Some amusing scenes often result, occasionally, a disaster, but that's life. Mike Kingston has been heard on the all night shows, but reception here, on 738kHz., is grim at present, after dusk, and on 103.0MHz., non-existent, due to Piccadilly. Richard Cooke has been noted at the weekends, along with Gareth O'Callaghan on the European Top Forty Show.

Sunshine Hot Hits 101. Still promoting cash giveaways to anyone answering their phone with 'I listen to the red hot sound of Sunshine 101'. It must be pointed out that we have yet to hear such a reply, but it must happen, sooner, rather than later.

A couple of minor frequency changes have taken place this week, on stations within the city. **LLCR**, have now moved their main FM outlet to **104.1MHz**, the old KISS frequency. **Radio Diamond**, are now on **106.1MHz**, having moved up from 105.8MHz. **Capitol Radio/Nitesky** are actually on **95.7MHz**, and not 95.6MHz as we printed last week. They can now be heard at times, here in Blackpool, as there is nothing on that frequency locally. The broadcasting address for this station is....'The Pig Sty Restaurant' Upper Rathmines Road, Dublin. Although not heard here due to Radio Lancashire on the same channel, **Heartbeat FM** is putting out a good signal, we understand, on **95.5MHz**, and can be heard by Brian, in Dungannon, along with the other strong Dublin stations. Heartbeat are currently running about 250watts, but this is hoped to be increased to 1kW shortly. They are also expected to begin transmissions on MW soon, although the exact frequency is not yet known(possibly around 1512kHz). The 88.0MHz. transmissions, playing classical music, ceased mid

week. It is understood that these may have been experimental broadcasts being made by a College in Terenure. The Radio West free radio programme today, mentioned that KISS FM, the station which was raided recently, and who had their remaining FM transmitter on 104.1MHz., with a tone, had lost this transmitter also. Whether it has been stolen or sold, we are not too sure, but it did seem strange that LLCR should come on that frequency shortly afterwards, so it is possible that they could have purchased same.

BALBRIGGAN, Co. Dublin. The station heard recently identifying as **Pulsar 98**, is apparently emanating from the Grand Hotel in this town. They have been operating on 98.8MHz, with a fairly strong signal, which at times can be received here in Blackpool, when local emergency services are not covering the band. In addition to the FM, they are also announcing 1575kHz. At first we thought this a bit strange, as **Community Radio Fingal**, also located in the area, use that frequency. Apparently the two stations have begun to share the 1575kHz transmitter. CRF will operate until midday, after which, Pulsar will be relayed until 18:00, and then CRF will take over for the evening. Pulsar continue to operate on 98.8MHz throughout the morning and evening, when it is being relayed on MW.

Co. Kildare. The new station, **K.L.B. Community Radio**, which appeared last Sunday from Newbridge, on 1224kHz, was heard here with fair strength during the first part of the week. The station signed on at 10:00 each morning, with Tony Lumsden, the presenter at that time. They announced that they had been on the air on FM only, 102.4MHz, for the previous two weeks, and hoped that the new MW outlet was giving good results. Unfortunately however, by Wednesday, they appeared to be having a few problems with severe noise on the audio of the MW transmitter. By later that day and Thursday, the programmes became inaudible because of what sounded like feedback, and the transmitter was not noted on the air on Friday at our location. **Kildare Community Radio (KCR)** were still audible in Blackpool on both Monday and Tuesday. However, on Wednesday **Big M Community Radio** brought its powerful 1413kHz transmitter back into service, and this has been audible here since then, on top of KCR.

Omeath, Co. Louth. ZEE 103.3. After testing with tapes for some time now, this station appeared with occasional 'live' test transmissions during the week. During these, dedications were made to those people who had written in to the Portadown mailing address only, as apparently, due to a postal dispute in Dundalk, mail coming from the original address in Ardahey, was being delayed. Some of the D.J.'s heard so far on the air, are Tom Griffin, Roy McKee, Kenny Tosh, Don McEwan, and Mike Miller. There continue to be long breaks in these tests, with the transmitter being off the air. According to comments heard on the air, the station is due to start in 'a few days', so we shall be listening out for that.

Belturbet, Co. Cavan. Erne Side Community Radio. Don Allen was noted hosting his first 'Country and Western Jamboree' on Saturday 25th October between 10:00 and 13:00. It appears that Don will be hosting this particular show every Saturday from now on, as well as doing shows on **Radio West**. Lynsey Shelbourne, formerly of **Radio ERI** and **Cavan Community Radio**, has been heard on commercials on the station, and is also, we understand, secretary there. On 12th November, Erne Side Radio will be holding it's Annual Awards Concert in the Broadway

Club in Omagh. A very big turn out is expected, and top artists from all over Ireland will be in attendance. A very successful evening's entertainment is guaranteed. Heavy promotion for this event is currently being given on the air.

ERNESIDE



ERNE SIDE COMMUNITY RADIO

Belturbet, Co. Cavan

CAVAN TOWN. It was reported on the Radio West programme that **Cavan Community Radio** had been off the air since last Wednesday. They said that they did not know if it was a transmitter breakdown or if the station has gone off altogether.

Kilnaleck, Co. Cavan. **Breifni Community Radio** recently held it's 2nd. Annual Gala Awards, but, unlike last year, there were two concerts. The first took place on Tuesday 14th October at the Hotel Kilmore in Cavan town, and the second on Bank Holiday Monday, 27th October, in the Park House Hotel, Edgeworthstown. Twenty Irish country artists appeared, ten at each venue. Two very enjoyable nights were had by those who attended.

KILLARNEY, Co. KERRY. Again, Radio West reported the closure of WRKY in this town, and the opening last Sunday of South West Radio 105.5, from the Crystal or Capital Heights Hotel.

CORK. **WBEN** are currently having a Christmas Cash Giveaway, when £1,000 can be won by being the lucky caller, following the playing of three Christmas tunes, on the air. Tony Allan was noted recently, standing in for Neil Francis, and the programme was going out over WBEN and **WKLR** in Bandon, on that particular occasion. Current line-up on the station...07:00 Eamon Kelly. 11:00 Nick Richards. 15:00 Neil Francis. 18:00 Rob Eld. 22:00 Tony Lewis. Hugh Browne and Pete O'Neil are reported to have left the station, although this seems strange, as Pete O'Neil was thought to be a director. Some breaks in transmission have been noted on AM(1386), of late.

South Coast Radio now seems to have picked up a few listeners with it's £500 weekly giveaway. Frank Lee is reported to have left the station, and the current line-up now reads....07:00 Paul Davies. 11.00 Paul Sheahan. 15:00 Tony Black. 19:00 Bob Stokes. 22:00 Steve O'Neil. 02:00 Scott Shannon. They are hoping to start their own news service shortly.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. The latest news received by phone this week, tells us that the station has been off air for a number of days, due to severe storms in their area, resulting in the aerial coming down. The mast itself(or what is left of it, after other storms over the years) is still alright, we are told, but the wires attached to it(similar to the Laser antenna, and easily visible on the VOP postcard) have come down. Riggers have been unable to attempt repairs until such times as the storms abate. However, the FM transmitter has been switched back on and is presently functioning satisfactorily. The fact that the station has no transmitter engineer at present, is not exactly helping matters. Anyone knowing a transmitter engineer who would be willing to help out for a while(or longer), are asked to contact us...(0253) 882017 with details.

Current 'Anorak' reporter on the ship, Mike

Darby, has sent us news this week of what is happening.....He tells us that he has been made programme controller and that the station is short of staff, resulting in delayed shore leave. We can assure him that relief is at hand, in the form of Casper Bately, who should arrive on Tuesday next, ready and raring to go. Further presenters are expected shortly after this.

Abie, in the meantime, has got himself married to a 39 year old, Columbian beauty, by the name of Clarita. This happened on his visit to Columbia to visit the "Nathan Brick Factory" to see the making of the 1 millionth brick. Currently, Abie is in El Salvador, continuing his good charitable relief work.

Mike goes on to say that he station went off the air on 6th October, due to storm damage to the aerial, and did not return on AM, until 23rd October. Mike was on shore leave at the time and was able to see the ship being tossed about, from his hotel restaurant window. The station went off air again, following this incident, as detailed above.

Current line up on the station.....Midnight, 'Late Night Affair' with Andy Brown. 03:00, 'Night Beat' with Gavin Ford. 06:00, 'Breakfast' with Tim Shepperd. 09:00 'Morning Music' with Mike Darby. Midday, 'Kassach' with Dave Asher. 13:00, 'Afternoon Delight' with Gavin Ford. 15:00, 'Phone in show' with Abie Nathan. 17:00, 'Oldies' with Andy Brown. 18:00, 'Twilight Time' with Dave Asher. 19:30, 'Classical' with Andy Brown. 21:00, 'Russian' with Dave Asher. 22:00 'Specialist' with various.

M.V. COMMUNICATOR. Harwich and Manningtree Standard tell us that the ship is 'booked for warmer climes', now that they have their engine parts back once again. Apart from that, there is little to report, although the ship is now anchored further up stream, apparently near Wrabness, and easily visible from footpaths on the river bank. From a number of reports received this week, it seems that the sister ship, the infamous 'Gardline Surveyor'(this is the identical one which accompanied the Communicator into Harwich just over a year ago) is currently in a boat yard in Kent, awaiting breaking up.

CAROLINE. After the previous week containing very few changes, this past 7 days has been somewhat confusing. Both Dave Owen and Tony Peters have not been heard since Monday, and now appear to be having a break. Monday saw the same line up as mentioned in WR 131. However on Tuesday morning, we were rather surprised to hear Kevin Turner hosting the breakfast show, after only a couple of weeks on shore. It was Wednesday which caused the confusion here, however, as we woke up to find none other than Mark Matthews with one of his 'whacky' 558 breakfast shows, and not Kevin Turner. It was definitely Mark Matthews, as after 09:00 Peter Philips thanked Mark for the previous show, and especially 'his analyst, who made it all possible'. At first we thought we must have been mistaken hearing Kevin Turner the previous morning, but other reports were also received, at least proving to ourselves, that we are not 'cracking up'! We have since heard, that it was a one off show by Kevin. Back to Tuesday, and John Dwyar made a move from the late night show, and can be now heard during the afternoon, after 13:00. Jennie McKenzie has now taken over the slot which John has been hosting recently. The return of Caroline Martin at 01:00, now completes the current line up on 558.

The station seems to be closing at 02:00 during the week, once again, apparently so the engineers can do some work on the transmitters... The exact weekday line up is now as follows...05:00 Mark Matthews...09:00 Peter Philips...13:00 John Dwyar...17:00 Jamie King...21:00 Jenny McKenzie...01:00 Caroline Martin...02:00 Closedown. On Wednesday morning, Mark Matthews gave the line up in more interesting fashion.. At 9AM The J.R. of the station, Peter Philips,...1 o'clock Brookside's John Dwyar,...5 o'clock, Jamie King from Sons and Daughters, and 9PM Emmerdale Farms' Jennie McKenzie." A suitable programme for Caroline Martin, seems not to have been found as yet.

On 5th November, Peter Philips treated listeners outside the U.K., to a brief, but amusing explanation of Bonfire night. Guy Fawkes, he said, thought it would be good ruse, to sneak under the Houses of Parliament, with kegs of gunpowder, and blow the place up. However he was caught first, tortured, and finally hanged, drawn and quartered. Peter described the story of Guy Fawkes in his usual 'World Service' style, as 'a desperate tale of human tragedy'.

Only a couple of things to mention on the advert front this past week, one of which is a rather good new version of the Canadian lottery, Lotto 6-49. Part of this is actually done in 'song form'. Also the 'Caroline Rock Show' had a new promo for a gig in November, which was first heard here on Saturday morning. This is the first time for a long while, that the Rock Show has been advertised.

The news readers this week, have altered slightly since the staff changes on Tuesday. Since Mark Matthews began hosting the breakfast show, it has been left to his fellow 'Overdrive' presenter John Tyler, to read both the news, on the hour, and the half hourly headlines, on the said show on 558kHz. Jamie King is now reading the lunch time news at 13:00, prior to the John Dwyar show, and Peter Philips returns in the afternoon, to read the news at 16:00, 17:00 and 18:00.

John Tyler made a welcome return to Overdrive in the early part of the week. He now seems to have replaced Tom Anderson, who hasn't been heard by us for many days. Mark Matthews, now seems to have settled in to host the 21:30 slot every evening, as opposed to just weekdays. The Overdrive service returns to 24 hours at the weekend, following 02:00 closures in the week.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. Radio Merseywaves has been the star once again this week, with broadcasts last Monday and again yesterday and today, on 1242kHz. Good presentation has been noted, but due to many of the presenters working the disco clubs, the music tends to be very disco-ish, and consequently not everyone's 'cup of tea'. (Bring back Jackie North, they played rock!).

Tim Jackson, in his report on the Merseyside scene last week, mentions Anfield Community Radio and the fact that last Sunday was their last day on the air. Apparently, a new station is set to take it's place, although it seems to be a case of believing it when you hear it. A new station did appear today however, on 1395kHz(the frequency Anfield were using last week). However the name appeared to be given out as Radio Caroline North! Due to poor reception conditions here, we were unable to ascertain as to what was actually happening on this channel. He also mentions Radio Julie on 104.8mHz. with a Wednesday/Thursday schedule, Radio Veronica on 104.7mHz., with their Friday evening /Sunday evening schedule and Concept Radio on 104.3mHz., with intermittent weekend broadcasts. Radio Veronica are being received here, as this report is written(Sunday, 16:00), with a good strong signal, albeit slightly over modulated.

THE MIDLANDS. Only PCRL have been logged on 103.5MHz, and they are reported to have been on most of the week.

LONDON. SSM report that last weekend 3BR were missing from the airwaves, however, heard were TKO on 90.9mHz., from Friday, all over the weekend, LWR on 92.1mHz., back with a good signal, Starpoint Radio on 94.3mHz., with a 24 hour schedule, although presentation is reported as 'dreadful', The People's Choice on 103.6mHz. have entered their third week of daily transmissions. Hours of operation being 08:00 to 01:00.

This week, JBC, LWR, People's Choice and an Asian station were reported on air, mid week at one location, TKO, LWR, Starpoint and LGR, at another. The station, WBLS, reported to be starting in London(see cuttings), this week, did actually take to the air. It was heard on Friday morning with a good signal on 88.5MHz, and continued

throughout the weekend, but had disappeared by mid-day today(Sunday).

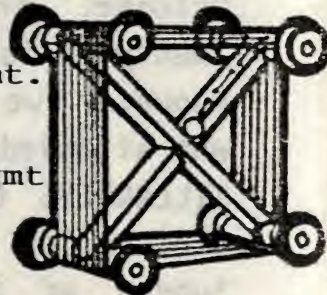
SHORT WAVE STATIONS.

Radio Orion has not been logged at all during the week, at our location, although Stuart says he logged it on Monday last, on 6200kHz., at 12:05. However Radio Tirana has continued to be noted on 6200kHz, which means that this channel is now virtually useless for any free radio station. Bradley reports Radio Orion back on 6240kHz., on Thursday and Friday. He also logged Radio Dublin, both days on 6910kHz., along with a live relay of RTE 2, on 7315kHz., on Thursday and non-stop music, on the same channel, on Friday.

Amendments to last week's log, courtesy Podney R. Sixe, Alan, Chris, SSM and Stuart....No amendments at all(It did seem a good log, at the time though). We did fail to mention one thing, and that was, Radio Pamela, logged on short wave, was also logged on the medium wave band, on 1608kHz. Let's now see what this week can produce....

SHORT WAVE LOG For Sunday 9th November 1986.

6206kHz...RADIO DELMARE, at 09:57gmt.
6206kHz...RADIO MARABU, at 10:02gmt.
6206kHz...RADIO LIMIT, at 11:36gmt.
6206kHz...RADIO TITANIC INT., at 15.40gmt.
6220kHz...RADIO TONAIR, at 12:30gmt.
6220kHz...RADIO 'MR SANDMAN', at 13:08gmt.
6220kHz...RADIO GEMINI, at 10:00gmt.
6230kHz...SWR RADIO, at 10:09gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW, at 11:10gmt.
6261kHz...Various religious(via Skywave), at 10:15gmt.
6261kHz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 11:54gmt.
6267kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:45gmt.
6275kHz...RADIO NORMAAL, at 09:48gmt.
6275kHz...RADIO TITANIC INT., at 12:10gmt.
6275kHz...UNID., at 13:00gmt.
6280kHz...UNID., at 09:10gmt.
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 12:00gmt.
6285kHz...W.L.R., at 13:22gmt.
6290kHz...P.F.B.S., at 12:42gmt.
6292kHz...RADIO DUTCHBOY, at 10:57gmt.
6297kHz...RADIO NOVA BELGIUM, at 09:56gmt.
6300kHz...WFRL, at 10:00gmt.
6310kHz...RADIO IRELAND INT., at 12:08gmt.
6319kHz...F.M.T.R., at 09.55gmt.
6525kHz...RADIO PAMELA, at 10:25gmt.
6525kHz...RIVERSIDE RADIO INT., at 11:20gmt.
6815kHz...RADIO PAMELA, at 10:18gmt.
6815kHz...RADIO TORENVALK, at 11:16gmt.
6830kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 11:14gmt.
6910kHz...WORLD MUSIC RADIO(via Dublin), at 08.22gmt.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 10:16gmt.
7295kHz...RADIO WAVES(via RMI), at 08:38gmt.
7315kHz...UNID., at 10:30gmt.
7320kHz...RADIO PACMAN INT., at 09:45gmt(QSO).
7320kHz...UNID., at 12:06gmt.
7357kHz...RADIO 101, at 09:47gmt.



Another good log today...Conditions were fair to good throughout the morning, local interference being our main problem(power lines, ¼ mile away). The logs in bold type are ours, here in Blackpool, others were kindly rung in by loggers in other parts of the U.K.(Kent, The Midlands and Blackpool).

Radio Delmare announced at just before 10:00, several stations that they were about to relay, these included Radio Marabu, Radio Limit Int., Radio Titanic Int.(with 11th Birthday programmes) and World Star Radio, via Free Radio Company. They went on to mention 6225kHz., which is to be used on Saturday evenings from 23:00gmt.

Radio Gemini announced that this was their fourteenth birthday show. They gave out the usual address of 10 Apsley Grange, London Road, Apsley, Hertfordshire.

Radio Skywave Int. said that they were possibly going to use their stand by transmitter next week, on either, 6840, 6870 or 6265kHz., as well as their normal transmitter on 6261kHz.

F.M.T.R. celebrated one year on the air today, but had only one transmitter in use. The 6370kHz., has been switched off for good, and they hope to return in a few weeks, on 6355kHz.

Radio Pamela, who gave out the famous Cornwall address on both frequencies, were not in parallel with each other. The 6815kHz transmitter possibly relayed Radio Torenvalk later. Radio Pamela was also heard in Kent, again, on 1608kHz.

Radio Orion hopes to be back soon on 3465kHz., with evening programming. They would appreciate reception reports from anyone who receives these transmissions, no matter how weak the signal. On Saturday, logged were 6206kHz. Delmare, World Star Radio, Freetime, Sunrise and Arrow: 6240kHz., Radio Orion: 6910, Dublin: 7320, Shamrock, testing.

The WEEKLY REPORT

ANORAKS

The First with the News in Print

No. 133.....16th November 1986.

P.O. Box 539, Blackpool FY1 4RE, England.

'First with the news in print', it says. 16:00 Sunday, the news is hot!!! This week's headlines.....Communicator sails at last....PCRL are asked to leave the sanctuary of a church!.....Cork stations have FM problems.

Following last week's disastrous printing, we are pleased to say that 'normal service has been resumed' once again, thanks to Rank Xerox. Not only that, but a new heading as well.(The old one was falling to pieces, though!). Hopefully, we shall keep it looking like this for some time now. 'Firing on all cylinders', one might say, this week, with action in the Midlands(UK), action in the South East, and not to be outdone, plenty of activity in Cork. The cuttings will substantiate this, with two packed sheets this week(and some bits left over for next week, too!). We must, at this point, thank everyone who has kindly bothered to post us these bits out of the papers, without which, as we are always saying, only National news items would be available to be used in the sheets. Thanks too, to everyone, for all the other news, tapes, stickers, photos and all the other goodies we receive each week. Keep it up and help us to produce the most comprehensive, up to date, news sheet around.

WEEKLY REPORT AND CUTTINGS is posted each week, at the following rates.....

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EEC COUNTRIES(this now includes Eire),35p..... **NON-EEC EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**(Sweden, Norway, Finland etc.)35p(unsealed printed paper rate).....**ELSEWHERE**(via air mail), 50p per week. Subscriptions will be accepted for as many weeks as required.

NEW MERCHANDISE. Again, nothing new to offer this week, but we have just received further supplies of the L.P. "Historie van de Mi Amigo". This L.P. has been available for some time from us, but without a cardboard cover. The batch just in has rather an interesting sleeve. The supplier seems to be using up some old sleeves, and this one is from the long ago deleted L.P., 'Zeezender Jingles'. On it's front cover, are to be found excellent black and white shots of the homes of the following seven watery radio stations.....Veronica, Delmare 192, Atlantis, Caroline, Voice of Peace, Capitol and Condor. The cost of this interesting L.P., along with a more than interesting cover is just £5.00. Please request 'with Zeezender cover' when orderingFinally, we have just learned that Offshore Echo's Magazine, Issue 63 is now back from the printers, so we are hoping to have it by this time next week(post of course, permitting!).

We are receiving a number of enquiries concerning items being offered elsewhere, and currently not on our sales list. Most items available are indeed, on our lists, however, some items have not yet been completed/published, or whatever. Once they are, we shall report this fact in "WR" and no doubt offer them for sale via our merchandise list. Occasionally, items may not be available via ourselves. In this case, we will report them as 'Arrivals' and go on to list their source. A book, recently published in Holland, about RNI, has yet to arrive for review. Once it does, we will decide whether or not to stock same. The price is about £8.00 we understand. A further book entitled "Zeezenders '86" is due out towards Christmas. Again, we shall report on same, as soon as we receive a copy.

NEW ARRIVALS. Plenty of these this

week....**Media Monitor**, Issue No. 40, 20 pages x A5, with plenty of pirate news(short wave and London land based being a speciality). A sample copy costs 70p from Roger Tidy, 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1X 9BA.....

PLAY-DX, Issue No. 435, 6 x A4 sides, mainly in Italian, but containing lots of interesting logs. Details from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milan, Italy.....

Radiotelex, Issue 86, 5 x A5 sides this time, due to lots of logs, a must for the short wave enthusiast. A sample copy and subscription form available from us for 40p.....**Short Wave Newsletter**, Issue 3, 6 x A4 pages, with the latest short wave schedules and news. Available for 60p from SWN, 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH..... Although not arrived as yet, we understand that Now Radio Issue 14 is just out. 28 pages of news and views.

CONTACTS GALORE. Trevor Joyes tells us that he collects any memorabilia relating to Radio City(the fort), such as, recordings, photo's, cuttings etc., and would be pleased to hear from anyone who has anything to offer. Trevor can be contacted at 47 Sanctuary Close, St. John's, Worcester WR2 5PY.

ADVERT. For those of you who are completely and utterly cheesed of with listening to non stop disco and the like, here is a special offer....Direct from New York(recorded last week but one)...

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GENERAL CHAT. Not much here, except to say that, in view of the conditions at present in the U.K., it is essential for anyone writing to radio stations, not to address the letters with the words 'radio'. For example, anyone writing to Radio Merseywaves, should write RWM, etc...It is also an idea to just put the D.J.'s name followed by the address, if you are writing to anyone specific. Don't give the authorities anything to go on at all!

We have now received a number of enquiries regarding Air Raid Tapes and Radioactivity. As stated, we are trying to unravel all the mess, but, it will take time and we are asking people to be patient. Things look bright and a statement will be issued by us, very soon.

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND. Looking at the political side of radio, it now appears that the proposed legislation is going to be shelved once again. Parties within the coalition Government don't seem to be able to agree, so it is back to where we were.

Dublin. A blank carrier noted on 98.5mHz. eventually came alive with music, mainly Dire Straits and ABC. By Sunday, programmes were noted and it appears that a full service will commence tomorrow. The station has announced itself as **KLAS 98** and will play very MOR, easy listening music. An address and telephone number has already been given out. It is...KLAS 98, c/o Champagne Music, 16 Hume Street, Dublin 2...Tel: (01) 323762. It is understood that Hugh Hardy of Radio Carousel fame, is involved in this station. It is also the same outfit who were advertising for staff some weeks ago. We reproduced the advert from the paper. We also understand that Radio Carousel is for sale.

A similar service, rumoured to be starting soon from **Sunshine Radio**, has yet to materialise. The station continues as before with three FM and two AM frequencies. The competition whereby telephone owners must answer calls with 'I listen to the red hot sounds of Sunshine 101' continues. We have still to hear anyone answer in such a way, but feel sure it will only be a matter of time. Not all calls are made live now, and the presenter often says that 'so and so has just been called up and not won anything due to answering the phone differently than stated'.

A new news reader has been noted on **Q 102**. Her name is Moira O'Neil and she has been heard over the weekend. Also heard on news at this time, has been the ever popular 'behind the scenes man', Martin Block. Competitions are still the main topic on the station and the following promo has been heard announced on several occasions.. 'Q 102, the prize capital of the city'. The Q song of the day seems very popular and winners here stand to gain £102 in cash, plus tickets for the U2 concert in Dublin. Santa Claus has arrived it seems, Mike Hogan doing the honours here, and an outside broadcast from the supermarket, Quinnsnorth was noted on Saturday, with Santa and his assistant, Scott Williams, trying desperately to enter the store via a locked back door, after landing in the car park in the Fiat/Q 102 'Eye in the Sky' helicopter. It sounded good fun for all.

Over at **ENERGY 103**, a few changes seem to be taking place, according to what we hear. The 'Cruise' is being brought forward to 09:00 (from 10:00) each morning, possibly in anticipation of other changes, which we will report on as we note them. Mike Kingston, the popular night man, has been missing for a few days this week, and his place has been taken by ex ERI man, Liam Quigley. Liam has been at ERI from the early days, and we now wonder if a regular spot will be found in the Energy line-up. Increased FM power is forecast on 103.0mHz., although that will not help us, as we have an ILR station on this channel! Alan Burns has not yet returned from holidays, and Tony McKenzie has not been heard, at least by us, this week. Rick Dees nightly one hour show was missing during the week, and on his weekend Top Forty Show, a special 'Forty Hottest Hits of the Eighties' featuring number one records was noted.

Capitol/Nitesky have moved back to 95.8mHz., it is reported...It is also reported that **Radio West** have tested on 96.1mHz., we understand, with a view to providing a Dublin relay for their Mullingar based operations.

Co. DUBLIN. **Radio Pulsar** continued to be relayed via the transmitters of **Community Radio Fingal**, on 1575kHz. Their regular shows are supposed to commence at mid-day, after the CRF regular programmes. However, they have been noted earlier than this on some mornings, presumably due to lack of staff at CRF. Confirming this, adverts for country music presenters have been aired on CRF. Potential presenters had to contact CRF boss, Brian Matthew at the

station address of Loughshinney, Skerries, Co. Dublin. Pulsar, meanwhile, give out an address of...c/o The Grand Hotel, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin. Having said all this, **Boyneside Radio** were logged on 1575kHz., on Friday. No reasons are known.

South of the county, in Wicklow town, **WLCB** continues on FM only, with increased power, we are told, on around 102mHz. Medium wave transmissions are hoped to be resumed sooner, rather than later, on 1602kHz.

Co. KILDARE. After a few teething problems during their first week of broadcast on Medium Wave, **K.L.B. Community Radio**, seem to have had no problems during the past week. They have been heard here continuously, with a good signal, since they were off the air for a few days, last week.

OMEATH, CO. LOUTH. **ZEE 103.3** has now begun official programming. The change from tests was not very apparent, and took place on Monday, although we did not notice it here until Tuesday morning. Several new voices have been heard since last week, including the well known, Owen Barry, although as yet, we have not determined the exact line-up. The station announced that it was broadcasting from Omeath, in Co. Louth, and the transmitter is situated near the border at a height of approximately 700 feet, which presumably is why it seems to put a good signal into North West England. So far, a couple of adverts have already been noted. The address has now been changed back to Ardagh House, Ardagh, Omeath, Co. Louth. This is no doubt due to the postal strike being settled in the Dundalk area.

LIMERICK. A new station has emerged here, commencing transmissions last Monday. It identified as **The Sound Channel**, on 103.8mHz., but is announcing 102mHz. Apparently some problems with interference had occurred, with **Radio Lumni**, but these have now been sorted out. Radio Luimni now being on 103.4mhz.

CORK. **Radio ERI**. The main story here is that Liam Quigley has left the station, to join Energy in Dublin. Two new presenters have been noted, Chris Barry (from Riviera 104) and Mark Edwards, who did a spell on the Voice of Peace, not too long ago. Tony Allan's voice has been noted on some new adverts heard on the station. Mark Lawrence has not been noted on air of late, but could be away on holiday. Finally here, Hugh Browne has rejoined, after a brief spell with WBEN. Hugh was heard presenting the Irish show last Sunday. It certainly looks like ERI won that particular battle, over WBEN. Staff include....Joe O'Reilly, George Talbot, Pam Wilson, Chris Barry, Derry O'Callaghan, Mark Edwards and Hugh Browne.

W.B.E.N. As reported, Pete O'Neil and Hugh Browne both left recently, although the whereabouts of Pete O'Neil are at present unknown. Problems with the FM transmitter, resulted in WBEN being heard on 107, 105, 100 and now on 93mHz. FM. Staff include....Eamon Kelly, Nick Richards, Neil Francis (station manager), Ron Allen, Tony Lewis, Romano (station owner), Luke Ward, John Rice and John O'Connor (ex ERI).

South Coast Radio. The station finished up giving it's final £500 away last week. John Blake (ex ERI) left the station and they too had problems with their FM, causing interference to RTE 2 television. Staff include....Paul Davis, Paul Sheenan, Tony Black, Bob Stokes, Steve O'Neil, Scott Shannon, Brian Hughes, Ken Rogers, John Wade and Mark Edwards (not the same as above!).

Since this report was written, it appears that big problems have beset several stations, concerning interference to RTE 2 television. The latest we have, is that South Coast Radio has closed altogether, and that WBEN are off the air completely, prior to moving into new studios out of town. They were not exactly raids, but had the same results...the stations in question were silenced. We await further reports on this. We understand that the other stations were not silenced.

Centre Radio. Still on 101.5mHz., but nothing of note to report here.

Sunshine Radio. Still broadcasting until mid night, with only three D.J.'s....Shay Quinn, John Patrick and Alan Stevens.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. No news from Israel, apart from an odd phone call, which told us that the 1530kHz. AM transmitter was still off the air, but expected back on shortly. A transmitter engineer is still sought and adverts for same have appeared in this week's Guardian newspaper on Thursday

and the November edition of Wireless World. The staff situation worsened in the week, when Dave Asher left the ship, leaving only four presenters on board. However, Casper Bately arrived in Israel on Tuesday, followed by an, as yet, un-named American, and he, in turn, to be followed by yet a further presenter from the U.K. next week, bringing the total back to seven presenters.

THE COMMUNICATOR. All set to sail, it appears, according to the press(see cuttings). But the ship has in fact, now sailed, following the detention orders being lifted last Friday, and is now anchored at the Cork Anchorage in International Waters, six miles out from Harwich. The masts are still up, but the aerial itself has been taken down, along with the 'lollipop' Comsat dome at the rear of the ship. We all now wait to see where she sails to. The press cutting we have, mentions Gibraltar.

CAROLINE. No changes at all have taken place on this service during the past week. The line up remained as we saw it last Friday but one..... 05:00 Mark Matthews. 09:00 Peter Philips. 13:00 John Dwyar. 17:00 Jamie King. 21:00 Jenny McKenzie. 01:00 Caroline Martin. Once again, both channels were closing for maintenance, between 02:00 and 04:00 on weekdays, but reverted to 24 hours operation at the weekends. The only hiccup in the lineup appeared to be on Monday last, when Mark Matthews, at 09:00, introduced John Dwyar as Liverpool's answer to the sleeping tablet, so, only take him in small doses! John seems to be coming in for a lot of on air insults of late, and the latest comment being from Jamie King, who announced him as 'the face that launched a thousand ships'. Back to Monday now, and at 13:00, 'Wing Commander'(and occasionally 'Air Vice Marshall') Philips hosted this show till 17:00. He then resumed his normal slot at 09:00 on Tuesday morning.

The amusement on Mark Matthews breakfast show continued throughout the week. The expected Australian lessons, however, did not materialise, due to 'a court injunction brought by Bruce the Kangaroo'. A 'beat the intro' type of game seems to be apparent at times. This occurs when Mark reads the weather and John Tyler reads the news headlines on the half hour and tries to speak up to the vocals. On Tuesday one of the 07:30 top stories was the news of the completion of a Rubick's cube by Caroline Martin. No doubt, after this, the crew were glad to get some peace and quiet from all the clicking.

The weather has, once again, been quite bad on the North Sea this week, judging by comments heard on air, although it now seems to be moderating somewhat. Perhaps the calmer conditions will allow a change of staff, Peter Philips has now been aboard for eleven weeks, and Mark Matthews for ten.

This week's news has once again been read by John Tyler in the morning, Jamie King at lunch time and Peter Philips in the afternoon. As stated before, John Tyler also reads headlines on the half hour at breakfast time. This morning, at 08:30, John, in a brief conversation with Mark Matthews, said it would be the last time he would be having this little chat, and the other John, would be taking over tomorrow. We now await and see.

No new adverts have been heard this week, although a well produced new version of the P.D. Brown Auto Sales commercial has been put out many times. Across on Caroline Overdrive, the line-up has also been the same, with Mark doing 21:30 till midnight and John Tyler till 02:00, when the service has signed off. According to a promotion aired this week, 'due to popular demand' Overdrive is to rebroadcast the Spin radio concerts. This 'Spin Re - Spin' starts on Sunday 23rd November, at 22:00 and presumably, as before, one will be aired each Sunday evening at this time.

The signal on 963kHz. has not been too bad this week. Perhaps this will be the last run of good signals, before Finland finally put their new 600 kw transmitter into operation. For anyone interested, in how powerful it may sound, Radio Sweden also have 600 kw., on 1179kHz. So if you tune into this one, then the 963kHz. from Finland will be about the same signal strength.

Reader, David Roberts of Wales writes in this week, with a suggestion concerning the imminent arrival of Radio Finland on 963kHz., with great power. His suggestion is that all "WR" readers, with radios with digital readout, could search the AM band straightaway, once in the daylight and once after dark, to find the clearest possible channel. All results could be sent to us, then we would send them on their way, in bulk, in order that Caroline engineers could study their content. All areas of the British Isles could be

covered, in particular areas well away from the station itself, which are the most important ones in this case.

The times of Viewpoint 963, now seem to have settled down, following the clocks going back, to 18:00 to 21:30, during the week, and 18:00 to 21:00 at the weekends.

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LAND - BASED STATIONS, LIVERPOOL. Radio Merseywaves continues to be the countries most powerful and successful pirate on medium wave, at the moment. The signal comes in loud and clear here in Blackpool, and makes a welcome addition on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays, to the rather rosey signals coming in from Ireland, at present(due to poor ground wave conditions). Plenty of mentions and requests are noted for people in the Merseyside area and further afield, even as far away as Blackpool. In fact, one of their presenters was mentioned as being Blackpool's top D.J. yesterday. His name is Jeff Starr and he works at the new Sandcastle complex in the South of the town. An appeal last weekend, for listeners to bombard Red Rose Radio's Alan Beswick, on the air, in the week with support for pirate radio, turned out to be a damp squib with the bombastic Beswick shooting them down with his cut off 'buttons'.

Radio Caroline North was logged here again today, on 1395kHz., with a terribly weak signal, in fact, barely audible.

Last Sunday, and again today(but with much improved modulation), **Radio Veronica** was logged here with an excellent signal on 104.8mHz., along with **Concept Radio** on 104.3mHz., with a weak signal. Radio Veronica can be heard on Fridays from 19:00 and from 16:00 on Sundays, with a variety of shows, including recent recordings of Caroline 558 and Radio Rainbow(SW).

Apart from the above stations, Tim Jackson, in his report on the Merseyside scene for last weekend, mentions **Radio Julie** on 104.8mHz., with mid week broadcasts and **Mersey Sound** on 103.6mHz., with a Sunday evening broadcast.

THE SOUTH COAST. **Radio Atlantis 105mHz.** This station continues every other Sunday evening, with 90 watts. Transmissions are from 19:00 until 21:00 and as yet, have been free from DTI interruptions. The station address is P.O. Box 5 etc.....**Radio Sovereign 105mHz.** Following their DTI raid on 5th October, the station has temporarily closed down, but hopes to be back before Christmas.....**ABC Radio 105.3mHz.**, another station prone to DTI harassment, has been forced off the air. They too, insist they will be back before Christmas.....**Radio Orion 105.3mHz.** A new station, operating in the Heathfield area of East Sussex, broadcasting alongside Radio Atlantis every alternate Sunday evening, from 19:00 till 21:00. Power is 30 watts. No address has been aired as yet.....**Radio Veronica 105.3mHz.** The station made it's first real broadcast from Eastbourne, on Sunday last. They were raided earlier in the year by the DTI, whilst making non stop music tests from Beechy Head, Eastbourne. Last Sunday Radio Veronica was heard in Aylesbury, Bucks, almost 100 miles from the actual transmitter. reports also came in from London and Essex during their two hour broadcasts. RV use a portable location, 650 feet above sea level. Power is just 30 watts into a vertical dipole. Address is RV, P.O. Box 629, Eastbourne, East Sussex.....**Cuckmere**

Valley Radio(CVR). yet another station in the Eastbourne area! This one operates on Sunday evenings, on 105.6mHz. Following technical problems last Sunday, the output stage of their three watt transmitter blew up! However, the operators were able to get the CVR programmes out at the scheduled times, using just 100 milliwatts, from the driver stage of the transmitter. One report was received from 8 miles away from their portable location. We have been told that the DTI who raided these stations were using members who served on the Dioptric Surveyor!

THE MIDLANDS. We cannot add a lot to what has already appeared in the local and national press, and as everyone gets cuttings now, all can see what we are talking about. A sympathetic vicar, which this chap was known to be, a church with a belfry, and you are away, just as long as there are no superiors, who are not quite as sympathetic. It was a good try anyway and most certainly gained PCRL a vast amount of free publicity. It really is amazing that this station is so often raided, yet continues to appear on the air, week after week. Frequency is usually about 103.5mHz. Once again, PCRL returned on Friday, from yet another location.

LONDON. Reports from the London area, state that four stations have been on the air regularly, all week....TKO on 90.9mHz., LWR on 92.1mHz., Starpoint on 94.2mHz., and LGR on 105.1mHz. These four were today joined by KISS FM on 94.0mHz., and 3BR on 1125kHz. W.O.N.E. on 94.5mHz., was noted last Sunday evening.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS....Today's log....

6206kHz...RADIO DELMARE, at 08:36gmt.
 6206kHz...RADIO LIBERTY SOUND, at 09:47gmt.
 6206kHz...F.R.S. HOLLAND, at 10:02gmt.
 6220kHz...RADIO DUTCHBOY, at 11:10gmt.
 6230kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMM., at 11:33gmt.
 6235kHz...Various QSO-ers, around 13:00gmt.
 6240kHz...UNID., at 11:47gmt.(Tape of R.Kaleidoscope).
 6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW, at 13:30gmt.,(with tests).
 6261kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 08:48gmt.
 6261kHz...GOOD NEWS RADIO(via Skywave), at 10:58gmt.
 6261kHz...RADIO SOUNDS INT., at 11:41gmt.
 6261kHz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 12:16gmt.
 6267kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:41gmt.
 6275kHz...RADIO OMEGA INT., at 10:45gmt.
 6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 10:34gmt.
 6284kHz...CANZONI RADIO, at 10:28gmt.
 6285kHz...W.L.R., at 13:28gmt.
 6285kHz...F.M.T.R.(?), at 14:00gmt.(via above?)
 6293kHz...P.F.B.S., at 09:35gmt.
 6295kHz...RADIO SOVEREIGN, at 11:02gmt.
 6295kHz...W.M.R., in QSO, at 12:43gmt.
 6300kHz...R.N.I.(NEPTUNE), at 10:04gmt.
 6310kHz...RADIO IRELAND INT., at 12:23gmt.
 6315kHz...UNID., at 11:22gmt.
 6319kHz...F.M.T.R., at 09:39gmt.
 6525kHz...ABC RADIO WATERFORD(via RRI), at 10:18gmt.
 6525kHz...RIVERSIDE RADIO INT., at 13:28gmt.
 6570kHz...RADIO NEPTUNE INT., at 12:25gmt.
 6815kHz...RADIO PAMELA, at 11:59gmt.
 6815kHz...RADIO MONGOOSE, at 13:25gmt.
 6830kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 11:20gmt.
 6870kHz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 12:18gmt.
 6910kHz...WORLD MUSIC RADIO(via Dublin), at 09:00gmt.
 6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 11:19gmt.
 7357kHz...RADIO 101, at 08:12gmt.
 7370kHz(v)...RADIO CALEDONIA, at 09:49gmt.

Conditions today were, once again, good and most stations were identified. The logs in bold type are ours here in Blackpool. The others are from loggers who have kindly rung in their logs on (0253) 882017. They came from Blackpool, Kent, Derby, Leeds, The Midlands and Doncaster.

Radio Jackie tapes were being played on 6206kHz., at 09:40gmt., probably via Radio Liberty Sound.....FRS Holland stated that their marathon would last from 10:00 until 16:00gmt.....Radio Rainbow were conspicuous by their absence, but did appear, we are told, later, testing a new transmitter, it appears.....On the same channel, a Radio Kaleidoscope tape featured Dave Owen.....Canzoni Radio relayed KNWI from New Zealand, who gave out an address of P.O. Box 1437, Hastings, New Zealand..... The FMTR broadcasts on 6285kHz. remain a mystery.....Radio Sovereign on 6295kHz. gave out an address of RS, BM Nectar, London WC1N 3XX.....It is not known whether Radio Neptune on 6570kHz. was in parallel with the 6300kHz. broadcasts.....Radio Skywave on 6870kHz. was in parallel

with 6261kHz.....Only one logger received Radio 101. This was no doubt due to the massive signal from World Harvest Radio on 7355kHz.....Radio Caledonia on about 7370kHz. gave out an address of....Postbus 65027, Rotterdam, The Netherlands. We are not too sure we have spelt the name correctly. They announced that it was not the same transmitter as Radio Aquarius, but some loggers disagreed.

There were no amendments to last week's log, yet again!(Aren't we doing well!).

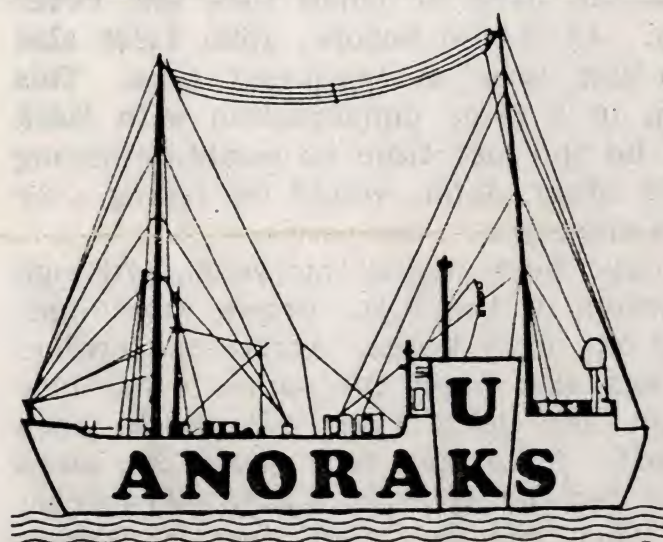
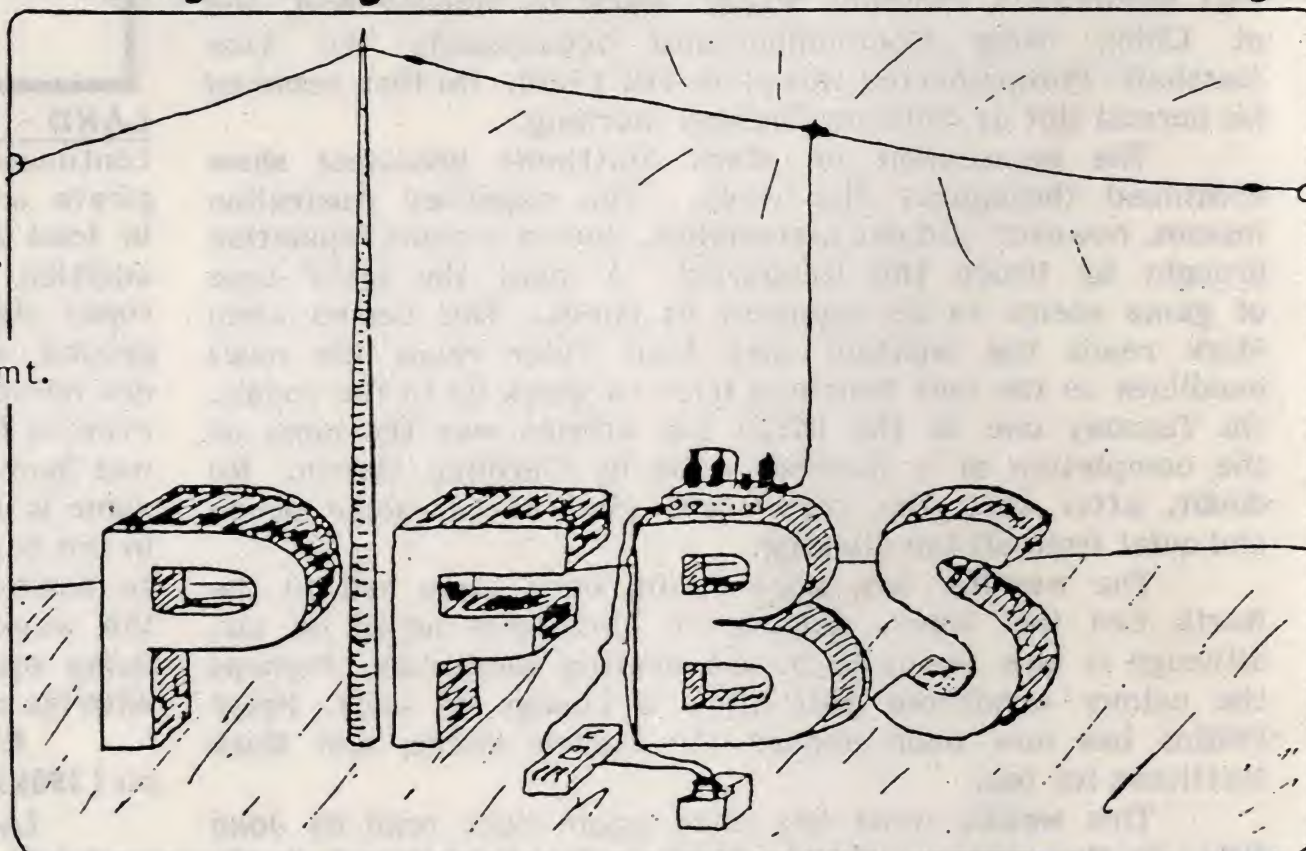
Short wave stations heard throughout the week....Radio Orion on 6240kHz. and Radio Dublin on 6910kHz.

SHORT WAVE LOG for Saturday 15th November 1986.

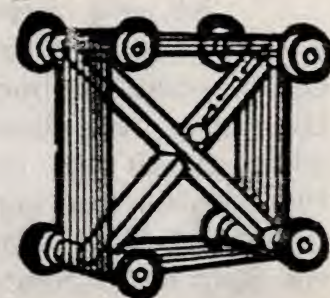
6206kHz...4FWS(via Delmare), at 10:38gmt.
 6206kHz...RADIO DELMARE, at 12:49gmt.
 6206kHz...SUNRISE RADIO, at 12:53gmt.
 6206kHz...RADIO ARROW, at 13:42gmt.
 6206kHz...FREE RADIO COMPANY, at 14:20gmt.
 6240kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:01gmt.
 6268kHz...UNID.(live relay of Caroline 558),11:30.
 6285kHz...UNID.(Dutch), at 10:25gmt.
 6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 09:42gmt.
 7295kHz...RADIO DISCOLINE(Via RMI), at 09:48gmt.

We understand that KLA Radio will be on the air, once again, over Christmas, with broadcasts in the 48 and 46m band. They have an address of....Postbus 19074, 3501DB, Utrecht, The Netherlands.

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Lots happening again and this is reflected in our two pages of cuttings this week, featuring stories from all quarters. With Christmas fast approaching, will everyone, intending to buy merchandise for Christmas gifts, please try and help us by ordering as early as possible. Looking back on the past two or three years books, it seems that everyone sends in their orders between 1st and 15th December. If we could spread this out a little more, say over three weeks, it would help us all and ensure that no one is disappointed. In simple words...please order early for Christmas, particularly the loop/frame aerals, as these items are sent parcel post and we all know the delays that can occur in this section of the postal service.

NEW MERCHANDISE. Both the British and French postal people have excelled themselves and, as a result, **OFFSHORE ECHO'S**, Issue 63 is now available and features...Offshore Radio News from Caroline and Monique, along with new and exclusive photographs...Interviews with Tom Anderson, who talks about "Overdrive" and about music policy, and Eddy Altenburgh, the cook from Monique, who talks about his time on the Ross...Sealand: news of what could be Europe's newest radio station(s). An in depth look at some of the legal problems that could face the project...The Voice of Peace: the history of the station, continued, plus up to date news and more previously unpublished photographs...Features like Yesterday and Today - Where Are They Now?, which concludes it's look at Caroline presenters in the seventies...Radio Nostalgia, which features original newspaper cuttings from the sixties, seventies and eighties, to tell the story of Offshore Radio...All this, plus news of the Communicator and Nannell, general radio news, features and reviews for just £1.80, or £8.50 for a year's subscription(5 issues).....

OFFSHORE AIRCHECKS, No. 2...New from Offshore Echo's. This second cassette features John Lewis talking about the Mi Amigo mast, reports about the visitors on 13th and 14th August, the Radio Monique offshore tribute on 31st August, 'three years on the Ross' tribute, the hairy chest contest(who won that?, clue..he's extremely hairy and will be featured in a forthcoming edition!), the GBH disaster of 13th September and much, much more. No. 1 is still available too, and features John Lewis, Charlie Wolf on the Ross, Ad Roberts and Mark Matthews..Offshore Airchecks cost £3.50 each from A-UK, P.O. Box 539, Blackpool FY1 4RE, but please note that, unlike the magazine, they are despatched from France, hence will take a little extra time

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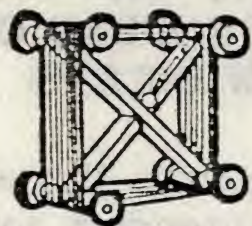
NEW ARRIVALS. Now Radio, Issue 14, arrived on Tuesday and contains 28 x A5 pages in a pink cover, along with a 'stop press' sheet about the Communicator. Sample copy available for £1.00, from Now Radio, P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 ONW.....**Radio Nederland Wereldomroep, Receiver Shopping List**, a survey of sets for international radio listening. Media Network listeners can avail of Edition 9 of this highly recommended booklet, listing many receivers. For your free copy of this compact A5 booklet, write to Receiver List(attention of Jonathon Marks), English Section(AUK), Radio Netherlands, Postbus 222, 1200 JG Hilversum, Holland..... **DX News**, Issue No. 1(November 1986). A new magazine covering English language DX news. Just 2 x A4 sheets in this issue, available for 50p, from Desmond D'Cruz, 543 Fairfax Drive, Westcliff - on - Sea, Essex SS0 9RH. Anyone with SW English language news can submit same for next month's issue.... **Play-DX**, Issue 436, has 6 x A4 pages of logs and QSL's. Mainly in Italian, details from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158, Milan, Italy..... Finally, Sound Broadcast Services have sent us

their latest catalogue of broadcasting equipment, containing a selection of transmitters, links, aerials, etc. 7 x A5 pages of items to help you get on/stay on the air. SAE for a copy of same, to, SBS, Dept.AUK, 14 McLeods Mews, London SW7 4HP.

ADVERT. Following the success of last week's tape offer, here are two more American tapes...**WNEW FM**, the morning show of 30th October '86, and **WXRK(K Rock)FM**, the evening show of 30th October(the opposite way round to last week's offer). If we call last week's tapes 1 & 2, then anyone wishing for these, can request "American Tapes 3 and/or 4". The price...£2.00 for each C.90, including postage and packing. Further American cassettes will be offered from time to time.

Ivan Henry Howard of 24 Main Road, Gedney, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE12 0AA tells us that he has stacks of the little stickers displayed. Anyone requiring a few should send Ivan an SAE. He tells us that they are free of charge completely.

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24 Hours Per Day
LIVE FROM THE NORTH SEA
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EVERY NIGHT ON 963kHz
ALTERNATIVE RADIO
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GENERAL NEWS. Word in from Jay Jackson, only minutes ago, tells us that his very popular NOW RADIO NEWSLINE, on (0536) 514437, has 'gone down' or 'packed up'. Jay apologises for this unfortunate break and tells us that the service will be back in operation next Saturday from 14:00, until 09:00 on Monday. Further reports tell us that the service is once again in operation.

Following an article in the most recent CM Bulletin, we should like to hear from anyone who knows the exact position(co-ordinates) of the offshore ships in the Thames Estuary, which operated in the 1960's. The ones in mind are m.v. Fredericia, m.v. Laissez Faire, m.v. Mi Amigo, m.v. Cheeta II. This is to help plot out the positions of all the offshore radio stations on a map of the Thames Estuary.

RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND. DUBLIN. Following a number of letters from correspondents, resulting from the recent raid in Dublin, we have been asked to inform would be or current broadcasters on the FM band to check that their transmitter is not 10.7MHz. away from an existing transmitter in the same locality. If this occurs, then it is possible intermodulation problems can occur within a receiver, whose I.F. is 10.7MHz., thus appearing as if one particular station is interfering with that equipment in question.

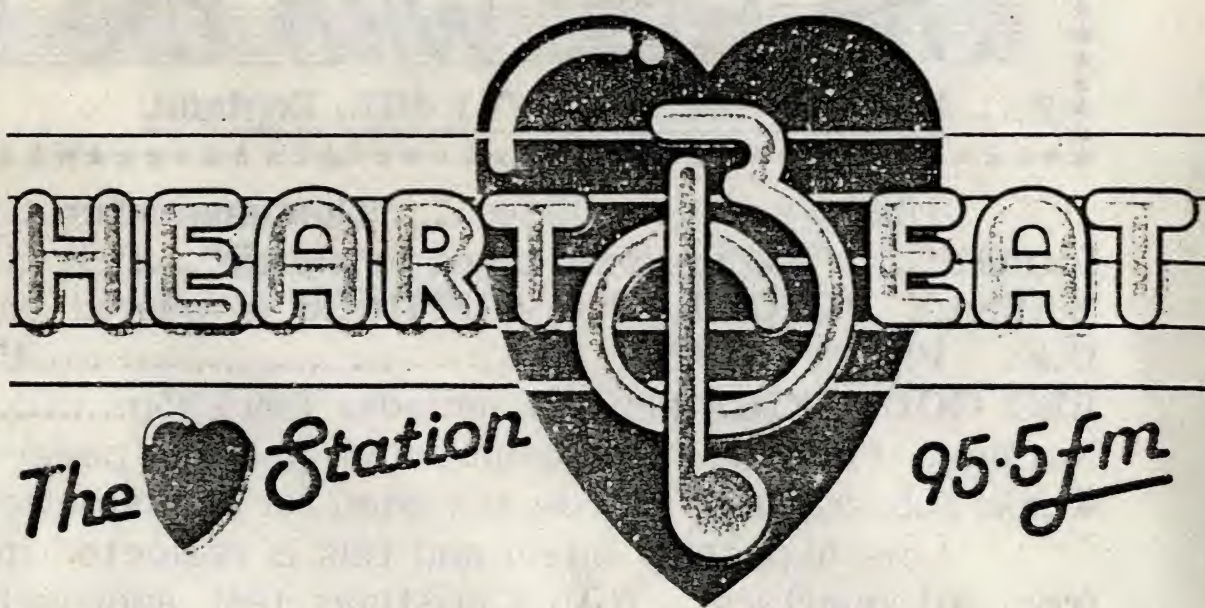
Interference in a different form was brought up in a Dail debate on 6th November, with regard to CC Radio's alleged interference to RTE and BBC transmissions. The Minister of Communications however, said they were watching the situation closely, but so far, had not identified any particular case, where this station were directly interfering with RTE's transmission. He said that they had no function in regard to the protection of broadcasts, which do not originate in Ireland(BBC).

KLAS 98. After a period of test transmissions, several promos announced a champagne opening, and the station began regular transmissions today. To celebrate this, twenty bottles of champagne were given away, during competitions. They announced that competitions were not going to be a regular feature, simply for the opening. The voice of Hugh Hardy, reputedly station owner, has been noted, seemingly live, on air. The frequency is 98.5MHz., and the signal can be received here in Blackpool.

Sunshine Radio. The 846kHz. transmitter was noted off air on Saturday morning, but has since returned. At times, this transmitter is more easily audible than 531kHz., on this side, due to foreign interference. Programmewise, little to report, other than various giveaways for the phrase, 'I Listen to the Red Hot Sounds of Sunshine 101'. A report in, tells us that Sunshine II is expected on air by 10th December. The format here to be news, current affairs, light music, in fact, similar to RTE 1.

Heart Beat 95.5FM. The station was launched at mid-day last Sunday, and to celebrate, champagne and roses were given away. Some lucky recipients were Nuala Dunne, Catherine Johnson, Dolores Fay and Jane Darcey. The station's aim is to provide love songs all day, a market which has never been touched in Dublin. With Christmas around the corner, they are expecting to be one of the main stations

when it comes to advertising, and a very professional approach is being made to this. Backing, we understand is by a Dublin consortium. Vacancies for a couple of presenters exist, but no disco 'jocks' are being sought. The station can be contacted on (01) 544570. Station manager is David Baker, General Manager, Tony O'Hara and Marketing and promotions manager, Ken Francis. Car stickers are available. A medium wave outlet is expected.



Q 102. No major changes, the station continues successfully with it's various giveaways. We cannot but help thinking though, that with the onset of severe weather, the Fiat/Q 102 'Eye in the Sky' service will come into it's own now and gain them even further listeners.

Energy 103. A modification in the line up was noted last Monday. Following Gareth O'Callaghan at 10:00, Liam Quigley was heard until midday, then Tony McKenzie till Colm Hayes took over at 15:00. This line - up remained all week, but on Monday, Colm Hayes stood in for Tony McKenzie from 13:00 onwards. Production man, Pat Courteney was heard doing programmes last weekend. Tony Allan promos for new presenters and news readers have been noted.

Tallaght Community Radio. Anyone wishing to write in to the Bernard Evans Free Radio Show on Friday night, should address their letters to Bernard Evans, c/o 46 Walkinstown Drive, Dublin 12. The station apologises for any letters not replied to, but due to a similar address in an adjacent part of Dublin, some letters have never arrived at the station. Bernard would like to hear from anyone who would be willing to compile a twenty minute or so, audio news letter about stations in their area. This would include news and extracts from the stations in question. This would then form part of his programme. Letters for this should also be sent to the above address, rather than the station address.

CORK. Following reports of problems here, last week, the story seems to be as follows.....On Thursday afternoon, 13th November, RTE announced that a station in Cork was causing interference to RTE 2 television. The story now seems a bit vague, but what happened was the stations were told, and all but one closed down their FM transmitters. **Sunshine**, a small station remained on air, however. **Radio ERI** returned later that evening, saying that generator problems were to blame for their absence on 96.9MHz. **Centre Radio** came back last Sunday, on 101.5MHz. **Sunshine Radio** stayed off all day Friday and Saturday morning, but returned in the afternoon, on 95MHz.FM. **South Coast Radio** seem to have closed altogether. **WBEN** moved house to a new location in Hollyhill, only about 200 yards from the ERI site, and returned with programmes proper on Tuesday morning, on 98MHz.FM. **WKLR** remained off air all day Friday, in order to clarify the situation, but returned on Saturday morning with all four FM transmitters. Since then, some changes have been made and their current frequencies are....107MHz., in Bandon, 90.7MHz., in Cork county, 92.4MHz. in Cork City and 100.5MHz. in Skibbereen. A new Prendergast aerial has been erected, in order to boost to 3.5kw. their main FM. Medium wave is giving problems though, and only very low power is in operation on 1503kHz.

Co. WICKLOW. WLCB. After a number of weeks off medium wave, the station was once again heard, on Monday last, this time on 1602kHz. The transmitter was putting out good power, although the modulation was somewhat low. Apart from brief breaks, the station has been logged all week.

Co. DONEGAL. The radio explosion continues here with

more stations appearing. **Radio North** took to the airwaves last Tuesday, following a short period of test transmissions. The station was easily audible between 07:00 and 08:00 here in Blackpool, on 1386kHz., on Thursday last. Heard was Mark Warner, recently ex VOP, with his distinctive Australian accent. The station became inaudible after 08:00 due to changing reception conditions. The station was heard on Friday, on a new frequency of 1404kHz., which was, in turn announced, and the signal here over the midday period was quite good, but disappeared under the foreigner by about 14:00. There are currently no adverts being broadcast, but a news service has already begun, and is read on the hour from 08:00 until 18:00, when a sports round-up is also featured. The weekday day time lineup at present is....07:00 Mark (Warner). 10:00 Seamus. 13:00 Frankie. 16.00 Ian (Akers). The station closes at 02:00 nightly. News is read by Scottish(Ayr) news reader, Catherine Gallagher. Current announced address is Radio North, Bridge Street, Cardonagh, Co. Donegal...Tel: (077) 74335. Frequencies are....98.1, 100.0, 103.0MHz., FM(the latter two being links), and 1404kHz. AM.

Regarding the other stations in Co. Donegal, **Donegal Community Radio** has changed channel, and is now broadcasting on 945kHz.AM and 103.3MHz.FM. The change from 927kHz. was made due to interference from BBC transmissions on 909kHz. from Northern Ireland. As yet, we have not received the 945kHz. transmissions, due to the Dublin super pirate **Treble T.R. Radio**, but will continue to try for this one after dark.

North West Community Radio(NWCR) continues to be heard after dark here, on 1116kHz., and possibly would be heard during the daytime, were it not for BBC Radio Derby on the same channel.

Co. SLIGO. Still in the North West, it is understood that a station in Sligo town is imminent. Frequencies to watch here, are 1143kHz.AM and 94.7MHz.FM.

Co. MAYO. A relay of **Mid West Radio** from Ballyhaunis, is expected to appear shortly, from Castlebar, on 1233kHz.AM and 95.6MHz.FM. We are at present, unable to log Mid West, due to **Boyneside Radio's** Kells relay being on 1332kHz.

Co. CAVAN. **Cavan Community Radio** now seem to have a strong signal back on 819kHz. The station is easily audible under **Q 102**, during quiet passages. **Erne Side Community Radio** have installed an FM transmitter on 107.0MHz., with 250 watts., but as yet, have only played music tapes, rather than relaying the official medium wave service on 1251kHz. This is apparently just to check out the frequency, so as not to cause any interference to others. When this has been cleared, **Erneside Radio** programmes proper will be relayed.

Co. MONAGHAN. **Big 'M' Community Radio**, missing on 1413kHz., following an accident between their transmitting mast and a tractor, have been noted with excellent modulation on 954kHz., during the week, but even this channel went missing at one stage. The FM frequencies of this station are currently 87.9, 96.8 and possibly 103.7MHz.

Co. MEATH. **Boyneside Radio's** Kells relay was missing for a spell during the week, but is now back on with a carrier. The lack of programmes is due to the storms damaging the link from Drogheda.

Co. DUBLIN. **Pulsar Radio**, reported last week, as sharing airtime with **Community Radio Fingal**, has not been heard at this location for several days. Meanwhile CRF continues with programmes of their own during Pulsar's times, on 1575kHz. Pulsar has not been logged either, on FM. No further news here, but stormy weather could have something to do with this.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. No news to report this week.

CAROLINE. Once again the line-up has not altered this past week, and the members of staff on board the **Ross Revenge** have not changed. The daytime schedule continues to be 05:00 Mark Matthews...09:00 Peter Philips... 13:00 John Dwyar...17:00 Jamie King. The evenings have been difficult to log at this location, and have been somewhat varied, with Caroline Martin having been heard earlier than usual on one night, although Jenny McKenzie has also been heard also, during the evening. Early closedowns seem to have also continued this week, although due to poor reception here, we are not sure of the actual times, but it seems to be earlier than 'Overdrive', at 01:00. They were actually signing off here at 01:00 last night, so, the 24 hour weekend service has obviously been suspended for the time being.

Alterations in the news reading line up meant that John Dwyar relaced John Tyler on the Breakfast news. Jamie King continues to read the 13:00 reports, and John Tyler reads the afternoon/evening bulletins.

No new commercials have been heard this week, again, presumably due to the bad weather causing only intermittent visits to the ship.

On 'Overdrive', quite a few hours have been missed this week. On Tuesday night, continuous music was monitored here, into the early hours, with complete L.P. sides being played, and only the occasional announcement. An explanation of this was given by John Tyler, just before 01:00 on Wednesday morning, most of which was inaudible at our location, although we did hear him say that they would continue through the night with the L.P.'s. The following night, the 'Overdrive' service went off the air at 21:30, immediately after 'Viewpoint 963' had completed its programmes for the night. Caroline Overdrive appeared as normal on Thursday night, at 21:30, with Mark Matthews, and continued through until 02:00, with John Tyler hosting from 00:00-02:00. The service has continued as normal since then. According to comments heard from Mark Matthews that night, Thursday, John Tyler had been up the mast to do some work. On the same evening/early morning, in his own words he gave a more specific explanation: "This thing thats a bit like a washing line, strapped to our aerial mast, was a bit dodgy. So I performed a daredevil feat, and went up the mast". He apparently climbed 80 feet, up the mast, and along with the help of Peter Philips, managed to fix whatever the problem was. As normal, the service went through till 04:00 at the weekend.

RADIO MONIQUE. Strange things have been happening on the station during the past week. On Monday, the station apparently had a normal schedule, as Ad Roberts was doing programmes. However, on Tuesday, non-stop music was logged from 05:00, and the same was noted at 11:00, along with a lack of news bulletins. On Wednesday, no programmes were noted here at all on 963kHz., with only the occasional '963' jingle in Dutch, being heard. This continued until about 17:00, when continuous music followed, until the Viewpoint 963, Johan Maasbach spot at 18:00. The Radio Monique programmes commenced on Friday, as usual, however there appeared to be nobody presenting any of the programmes. There appeared to be no 'live' D.J.'s, as only music and the commercials were heard throughout the day. We finally heard a programme, from the station, in the early hours of Saturday morning, beginning at about 04:10. However, this was only after John Tyler, who had just signed off on 'Overdrive', had tried his hand at Dutch, until Radio Monique presenter Peter De Groot, turned up to do the show. Johns' 'Dutch', actually sounded more like a mixture of both German and Dutch, so whether anyone actually understood what he said, is debatable. However, at least he tried to continue the shows in the absence of the proper staff. Following this one early show, the station seemed to return to the 'no speech' format for the rest of the day. We presume that all this is due to no programme tapes having arrived, because of the long periods of bad weather, although quite why nobody is speaking, is a mystery.

m.v. Communicator.

Pop pirate ship back near home

THE former Laser pop radio pirate ship was today anchored off the Essex coast — close to the position from which she broadcast from more than a year.

Government officials said the Communicator, which left Parkeston Quay at the weekend, was about ten miles off Walton on the Naze.

A Department of Trade spokesman told the Star, "We know she is there, and we are keeping an eye and an ear out for further developments."

She is now close to the **Ross Revenge**, from which Radio Caroline broadcasts, and almost back in her original position.

The Department of Trade spent thousands of pounds last year effectively forcing Laser off the air by stationing a "spy-ship" alongside the Communicator.

She spent a year moored in the River Stour off Erwardon being refurbished. The Communicator now has new owners, whose identity has so far been kept secret.

THE COMMUNICATOR. The newspaper reports say it all. The ship, as far as we know, is exactly where we stated last week, so we await further movements. Lots of rumours, as usual, are prevalent, but in this business, it is best to wait and see (and stay tuned, just in case).

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. Radio Merseywaves are once again the main station in this area, this week. Their excellent signal on 1242kHz., has been heard far and wide, last Monday, the latter half of last Friday, yesterday (Saturday) and today. A slight change in programme format has been noted, and a greater variety of music has been featured. It is nice to note that the station has taken note of letters from listeners criticising their 'too much disco music' format. They must realise that with a signal as big as their's, the audience is that much greater and, as a result, a wider variety of music should be featured. One of the station's main presenters has left this weekend, in order to take up a disco job in Tenerife. His name is Barry Noble, and he has promised to send in monthly pre-recorded shows from that sunny isle. We wish him well (as well as wishing we were with him!). A party was held, live on air, on Saturday lunchtime. Former station, Jackie North, was also heard mentioned at one stage, and in addition that station's owner, Rick Dane. They wished him well and played the station's theme tune, "Jackie Blue". Station owner, Burt Williams, has not been heard with his Sunday afternoon show, for a couple of weeks. The usual address is regularly read out, and it is....RMW, 9 Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW. Please remember..DO NOT WRITE RADIO STATION NAMES. OR EVEN THE WORD RADIO ON THE ENVELOPE WHEN WRITING TO ANY 'PIRATE' STATIONS. It only gives the authorities more evidence. Initials like above, or the presenters name, is ideal.

Radio Veronica, on 104.8MHz., continued to be logged, following the publishing of last week's report. However, some time after this, some official looking people were noted in the vicinity, and as a result, it was thought better to be safe than sorry, and no further transmissions have been made from this location. The station hopes to be back very soon indeed, and we understand that they are endeavouring to do so today some time.

A station, playing Caroline jingles, and presumed to be Radio Caroline North, was heard here, on Monday morning last, on 1395kHz. No further loggings have been made by us, nor reports received of same.

Central Radio is reported to have been on the air, on 1404kHz., but the station has not been logged here, possibly for a variety of reasons, low power, poor conditions and an Irish pirate on the same channel. The report from the Merseyside area mentions them, both yesterday and again today, particularly about 08:00.

Concept Radio has not been noted since last Sunday evening, and Radio Julie seems to have vanished altogether. Regarding the latter, we understand that location and equipment problems (the lack of!), are the reason for this station's non-appearance. The station owner is reported to have stated that they hope to be back in the New Year, this time, on FM and AM also.

According to Tim Jackson, in his report on the Merseyside scene for last week, he also mentions CDFM Radio Commodore, on about 105.3MHz., on Monday evening, but goes on to say that due to poor signals and the usual problem of over-modulation, speech was difficult to follow. The first announcements he could make out, mentioned test transmissions of CDFM, and presenters, Max Hamilton, Kevin Rogers and Eddie Lamb. Once this station closed at 22:00, the other was heard to identify as Commodore, with D.J., Mike Hughes, but over-modulation on the latter made the proceedings difficult to follow.

THE MIDLANDS. PCRL have been reported as being on the air, on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, on 103.3MHz. They disappeared during their Saturday broadcasts and have not been heard since (at least till Sunday afternoon).

LONDON. The usual 'big ones' seem to be having a good run at present, and heard once again, have been TKO, on the slightly different channel of 90.5MHz., LWR, on 92.1MHz., both with a good stereo signal in Essex, KISS FM, on 94.0MHz., Starpoint on 94.2MHz. and LGR on 105.1MHz. These regulars have been joined today by WBLS, making a return, on presumably the same channel as their initial transmissions, which was 88.5MHz. Also logged in another area of Greater London, People's Choice on 103.7MHz. and JBC on 104.8MHz.

THE SOUTH EAST. Radio Pamela was logged in Kent, around lunchtime today, on 1608kHz.

Several Dutch pirates were logged here, again, around lunchtime, today. However none were identified, due to lack of time. Frequencies, as usual, were just above 1610kHz. (out of band), although a rather strong one was noted around 1398kHz. We assume that the Dutch National service relay, formerly on 1395kHz., relaying Hilversum III, has left an opening during the daytime here.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS....Today's Log....

6206kHz...RADIO LIBERTY SOUND, at 09:35gmt.
6206kHz...C.L.C.G (via Delmare), at 10:27gmt.
6206kHz...WORLD STAR RADIO, at 12:47gmt.
6206kHz...RADIO PRIVAAT, at 14:37gmt.
6206kHz...RADIO DELMARE (with Mike Collins), 15.55.
6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW, at 10:36gmt.
6261kHz...Unid., (Religious), at 10:30gmt.
6261kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 11:07gmt.
6261kHz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 13:01gmt.
6267kHz...RADIO DISCOLINE (via Orion), at 09:48.
6267kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:47gmt.
6275kHz...Unid. (German), at 09:47gmt.
6275kHz...RADIO STELLA, at 11:10gmt.
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 11:36gmt.
6282kHz...RADIO NEPTUNE INT., at 10:59gmt.
6292kHz...RADIO MIRAGE (French), at 10:34gmt.
6310kHz...RADIO NOVA BELGIUM, at 10:02gmt.
6310kHz...RADIO IRELAND INT., at 10:51gmt.
6315kHz...Unid. (Radio Tutenchamun?), at 10:04.
6319kHz...F.M.T.R., at 11:14gmt.
6525kHz...Unid. (Dutch), at 10:12gmt.
6525kHz...ABC/RIVERSIDE RADIO, at 10:51gmt.
6625kHz...Unid., at 12:33gmt.
6815kHz...Unid., at 11:20gmt.
6910kHz...WORLD MUSIC RADIO (via Dublin), at 08:30.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 10:40gmt.
7325kHz...ATLANTIQUE 2000, at 10:20gmt.
7365kHz...RADIO BRIGITTE, at 11:21gmt.

Conditions today were fair, although having said that, most of the band at our location was obliterated by a 50Hz. buzz caused by a faulty street lamp outside!! This went on for most of the very dark morning, and resulted in only the stronger stations being logged, i.e. those listed above in bold.

Radio Orion announced that they would be operating in the 86m band at 3465kHz., during the weekday evenings. Times given for the proposed broadcasts were 20:15 to 21:15gmt.

Radio Skywave also announced 6870kHz., but no reports of any one receiving these transmissions has come in, this week.

Westside Radio relayed the new easy listening, Dublin station KLAS from about 11:55, and Prince Terry announced that there was to be an official opening, however it appeared as though this had occurred earlier in the morning.

ABC/Riverside: This appeared to be an ABC Radio broadcast, but with Riverside Radio promos inserted, at various points. The un-identified Dutch station was also on this channel prior to the above being heard, and could well have been relayed by same.

Amendments to last week's log....SSM tell us that on 7370kHz., our report of Radio Caledonia, was logged as Radio Mercury/Radio Copernicus, with Mercury noted at 11:44gmt. We await further comments/reports on this one. WMR were also heard in QSO on 6235kHz., at 13:40gmt., and 6240kHz., at 13:50gmt., as well as what we reported. FMTR report that the transmissions logged on 6285kHz., were not from them. It appears that someone may have been relaying them live off air. They are only using 6319kHz. at present, but hope to introduce a further channel shortly.

SHORT WAVE LOG for Saturday 22nd November 1986.

6206kHz...RADIO TITANIC (via Delmare), at 10:31gmt.
6206kHz...WORLD STAR RADIO, at 12:07gmt.
6206kHz...RADIO FREETIME, at 12:50gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO DISCOLINE (via Orion), at 11:07gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:16gmt.
6295kHz...RADIO SOVEREIGN, at 12:21gmt.
6310kHz...RADIO NOVA BELGIUM, at 10:39gmt.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 12:25gmt.

Radio Orion and Radio Dublin have been logged every day this week, along with Pirate Freaks Broadcasting Service (PFBS), on Wednesday, at 11:14gmt., and an unidentified German station on 6275kHz., at 11:05gmt.

The WEEKLY REPORT

ANORAKS

The First with the News in Print

No. 135.....30th November 1986.

P.O. Box 539, Blackpool FY1 4RE, England.

The excitement continues to build, and it would seem unlikely that ours is the only receiver to keep scanning the band each day, in search of 'hot hits' or something in a similar vein. The newspapers are having a field day, as can be seen by our sheet of cuttings, again. No major stories, but plenty of minor ones, which is not surprising really, as nothing, apart from an ex radio ship sailing from Harwich, has happened yet. If it does, it will be a nice Christmas present for us all. Who will be first to hear it? The IBA say they have monitored it already. They must be good, the aerials were taken down before she sailed, and as far as we know, had not been put back up, at the time the article was written.

WEEKLY REPORT AND CUTTINGS is posted each week, at the following rates.....

U.K. FIRST CLASS, 35p.....U.K. SECOND CLASS, 30p.....

EEC COUNTRIES(this now includes Eire),35p..... **NON-EEC EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**(Sweden,... Norway, Finland etc.)35p(unsealed printed paper rate).....**ELSEWHERE**(via air mail), 50p per...

week. Subscriptions will be accepted for as many weeks as required.

NEW MERCHANDISE. At this time of year, we get numerous enquiries, particularly from the ladies, about free radio gift ideas for Christmas. As everyone well knows, we have a 4 page x A5 sales list, packed with merchandise, but not all items are worthy of being classed as 'a suitable Christmas gift'. For the benefit of such 'gift seekers', the following items are recommended for this purpose...."Last of the Pirates" by Bob Noakes, a high quality, hard back book, with picture dust cover...."The Lid Off Laser 558" by Paul Rusling. Not as big as the above, nor as thick, but just as interesting and again, well presented in a picture cover(soft back)...Our selection of L.P.'s is extensive, and most are in extremely attractive picture sleeves. (Historie van de Mi Amigo is one that is not)...Videos are always a good buy and we have three available(others are promised but will almost certainly not arrive before Christmas). Again, well presented, in attractive picture boxes...Less expensive, are our T-shirts and sweatshirts...and finally, our medium wave loop/frame aerial. The latest model is extremely attractive and measures only 20" square(yes, that's inches, not feet!). Even if your man has long wires and contraptions outside, he should still own one of these. They are an invaluable asset to any radio listener(particularly good for use with a small 'tranny' on the breakfast table!!!). We have excelled ourselves and stockpiled a quantity in order not to disappoint anyone at Christmas. Immediate delivery is guaranteed. Please send us your order as early as possible and let us all beat the postal snarlup this year! Everyone should have our latest sales list, but if not, drop us a line, requesting same.

We now have the December edition of **FRM** in stock. This A4 glossy magazine, which costs £1.60, has a colour cover featuring Sealand, and a back cover with colour pictures of Ray Anderson on the Communicator, and the Bates Family, on Sealand. Inside is the usual news mainly from the Benelux radio stations, and some offshore info which is all written in Dutch.

Again, highly recommended just for the really outstanding colour cover pictures. This is the final issue compiled by the editor, Jose Herps, and as from January a new owner takes over, with hopefully equally high standards. We wish Jose all the best for the future and would just like to take this opportunity to thank her for excellent service over the years. We wish her every success with her MSX computer magazine.....**TX11** (November) has now arrived, and costs £1.25 inc. p & p. It consists of news on the London scene, along with lists, times and frequencies of all the free radio stations available on your radio in the London area.

NEW ARRIVALS. The November edition of **Medium Wave News** is now out, and features a circuit design for a MW active whip antenna, complete with a comprehensive operating explanation. It also features the usual Verification, News, and DX Logs sections, which are ideal for anyone interested specifically in the MW side of DX-ing. The DX Log is especially useful for those, just beginning trans-Atlantic listening, as it gives an idea as to which frequencies to look out for. Information on this publication can be obtained from : Harold Emblem, 137A Hampton Road, Southport, Merseyside PR8 5DY.....**PLAY-DX** No. 437 contains the usual weekly lists of mainly legal, but unusual, MW and SW catches here in Europe. Information from : Dario Monferini, v.Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.....**RADIOTELEX** Issue 87 has 8, A5 pages of lists and news about SW free radio stations logged over the last two weeks. Sample copies can be obtained from us for 40p, along with a current subscriptions form. Highly recommended for the short wave listener.....Issue 41 of **MEDIA MONITOR**, is a bumper 44 page edition in A5 format, and includes new schedules from many of the world's major broadcasters, as well as an interesting discussion about the possible frequencies that any proposed Offshore Radio Stations might use. Cost for a sample copy is 70p, payable to Roger Tidy at : 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1X 9BA..... **C.L.C.G. Magazine** No.11/86 has

19 x A4 pages of news and newspaper cuttings, and is all in German, along with SW Free Radio Logs for the previous month. The address for information is : C.L.C.G., P.O.Box 54 01 01, D4100 Duisberg 11, Federal Republic of Germany.... The final magazine to arrive here this week, is FRS GOES DX No.53. This 16 page, A5 magazine(in English), contains both Offshore news, including one page on the Radio Paradise saga, and shortwave news. Like the programme, the magazine is very interesting. The printer has now been changed, giving very good and uniform print throughout the magazine.

<FRS GOES DX> reports on offshore & sw free radio* station features* radio topics* frsh background info* **UP-TO-DATE & INFORMATIVE*MONTHLY** ♦sample copy: 1irc on 75ct stamp♦

FRS Holland have also asked us to mention, that their Christmas Party is to be held on 21st December, and anyone who wants dedications, mentions etc., should either write, or send an audio tape for inclusion in the show, which will probably be relayed on 6205kHz, on December 21st & 25th. For all details, including brand new general info sheets, the address is F.R.S. Holland, Postbus 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, The Netherlands.

TAPE OFFER SECTION. Following overwhelming success with our two previous offers, we intend to make an offer of two tapes each week, from now on. This week's tapes are....(5) **RADIO LS(Liberty Sound)**. A C.60 high quality studio recording of this station's October broadcast which went out via Radio Delmare on 6206kHz. The tape is courtesy of station owner, Jean Luc and features some very good music along with some extracts and jingles from other free radio stations.....to continue our series of recent New York station tapes, oldies fans will be pleased to hear that this week's tape (6) is from **WCBS FM**. This station specialises in oldies, and this particular tape has plenty of early sixties music on it. Again, this C.90 tape, recorded last weekend but one, is of excellent quality. As always, the prices....£2.00 each tape, boxed and labelled.

ADVERT. 35 watt FM TX for sale, unused, tuned to 106MHz. + set of custom 106 jingles, included in sale price of £75.00, including postage. Contact Mike Kerslake in first instance. Also for sale, 2 x JVC 12" record decks in plinths. Excellent quality but could be very expensive to post. Buyers welcome to collect personally. £25 each or £45 for the pair(plus postage, if applicable), contact Mike Kerslake, 31 Portalnd Street, Workop, Notts. S80 1RZ.

GENERAL CHAT. We asked a few weeks ago, about the names of certain theme tunes. Thanks to Bob in Manchester, who has reminded us about one which we ought to have remembered, having heard it thousands of times in the mid-sixties. It was the second theme tune of 'Baby' Bob Stewart. You may recall he used 'Image' by Alan Haven(Philips) for one. The second was 'Kinda Kinky' by Ray MacVay Sound(Pye 7N 15816). We have still to find the title of the music used for the popular 'Ook Gooie Morgen' Show, on Veronica and Mi Amigo. Any ideas, anyone? The music which introduces the 'Overdrive' programmes on Caroline 963, is called 'Double Wammie' and is taken from the album 'Strike Like Lightning' by Lonnie Mack(Thanks to Adrian Cooke for this one). The title of the music used for 'Viewpoint 963' is also required. Any ideas, again. The Radio Monique theme tune, as everyone knows, is 'The Theme from Terrahawks'. The record was available on the AB Anderburr Label, No. HX 1010. The artist was Richard Harvey and the distributor, PRT. It was published in 1983 and though now deleted, will no doubt be still available in some retail outlets. If anyone knows of a shop with copies in stock, we would be pleased to hear from them.

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND. **DUBLIN.** **Sunshine 101** continue with their big give-away, which is now up to £1000. Calls are being made all day to unsuspecting telephone owners, but most are still being answered with 'hello', rather than with the 'Phrase That Pays'. Posters featuring the required slogan can be seen all over Dublin, we are told. The current week-day lineup on the station is...06:00 'Nails' Mahoney...10:00 Paul Kavanagh...13:00 Tony Dixon...16:00 Mark Byrne...19:00 Steve Kelly...22:00 David Dennehy...01:00 Phil Hilton. Other new voices have been heard from time to time, along with an outside broadcast from the adjacent Nightclub, Tamango, at the Sands Hotel. Current frequencies for Sunshine 101 are 531kHz and 846kHz, on MW, and

100.5MHz, 101.0MHz, and 101.5MHz on FM. The 101.5MHz has recently been reported to be getting out much better, especially north of the city. Here, in the North West of England, whilst the 531kHz. channel is better during the day, the 846kHz. one is often less prone to continental interference, and hence much better to listen to, during the evenings. The conditions vary from night to night, so it is best to check both channels.

Energy 103. Little to report, apart from minor changes to line-up, which appears to be....06:00 Gareth O'Callaghan. 09:30 Liam Quigley. 12:00 Tony McKenzie. 15:00 Colm Hayes. 18.00 Gerry Stevens. 21:00 John O'Hara.

Q 102. Even less to report here, lots of adverts, more giveaways, doubtless even more listeners.

Heart Beat FM continues to be heard well in the city on 95.5MHz, and the station now has a mailing address, which has been heard as...Heart Beat Media Services, P.O. Box 1966, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

Co. Dublin. **Community Radio Fingal** now seem to be doing their own programmes, all day, on 1575kHz. **Pulsar 98** has not been heard on this frequency for two weeks, although, on occasions, it appears that the two stations are now combined. Announcements of CRF/Pulsar have been noted. A promo for 'CRF Supporters Club' has been noted for some time. The cost to join is £1.00 and entitles the member to various concessions and inclusions in free draws etc. However, Pulsar was once again noted, today(Sunday), on 98.8MHz. A loop tape appeared to be being played, telling listeners that the station would be coming soon, with a full schedule for the North Dublin area. This seems strange, as programming appeared to have commenced several weeks ago.

Co. Westmeath. **Radio West** have been testing a transmitter on 96.6MHz., for the proposed Dublin relay, from Mullingar. Reports say it is getting out very well indeed, which seems to be making up for the 702kHz. transmissions, which are suffering severely from the current abysmal ground wave conditions. Reception here is quite poor on 702kHz., and we understand that station owner, Sean Coyne, is most concerned about it. New signing, Dara Nelson, from **East Coast Radio** in Ardee, can now be heard daily on the air, and the current lineup reads as follows.....07:00 Don Allen. 10:00 Dara Nelson. 14:00 Willie Hart. 18:00 Various, including Don Allen, with his 'Country and Western Jamboree'. Newscaster is Tina Davis, and other presenters include....Gerry Stewart, Mike Richards and Jonathon Hayes.

Signal Stereo 102 in Athlone continues to be very popular in both Athlone, and the surrounding area. The station which only operates on FM, 101.9MHz, has the following schedule : 08:00 Barry Flynn...12:00 Mark Anthony...16:00 Pete Casey...19:00 Liam Lennon...22:00 Jason Ross ('On the Dark Side'). News can be heard on the hour, between 12:00 and 18:00, and is compiled and read by Karen Marks and James Healy. The station reported on 1512kHz (Athlone Independent Radio), several weeks ago, has now apparently closed down after only a week on the air.

Co.Kildare. The station on FM, in Naas, promised for some time now, finally made its first test transmission on 25th November. The delay in beginning these tests, was due to the Customs having confiscated their imported transmitter for several weeks. Calling itself **ZEE 104**, and operating on 104.2MHz, with 150watts, the station continued with these tests throughout the past week, which are sounding well across a large area of Co. Kildare. Full programmes are hoped to start on Monday 1st December, from their studios in Fairgreen Street, Naas. Also in Naas, **KCR**, continue to be heard over on this side of the water, as Big M Community Radio have still not got their 1413kHz transmitter back on the air, following the mast collapsing. **KLB** in Newbridge, also continue to be heard here during the daytime on 1224kHz. However it is reported, that their FM outlet on 102.4MHz is not covering the area as well as it might. Their announced address is....KLB, Eyre Street, Newbridge, Co. Kildare....Tel: (045) 32653.

Co. Louth. The Dundalk service of **Radio Carousel**, changed its MW frequency during the week, from 1125kHz, up slightly, to 1143kHz. The change is presumably due to the large Belgian signal on 1125kHz, which has been causing a few problems of late. So far, for most of the day, we have noted a 1kHz, off-channel whistle (heterodyne), on their new frequency, although this is probably no problem in Dundalk. Hugh Hardy was not heard hosting the Country Call in the week on the particular days we listened, so perhaps he was busy with his new KLAS venture in Dublin.

Boyneside Radio. After problems with the link to

Kells, which was damaged during a recent storm, the 1332kHz. transmitter has not been logged for several days. Prior to this, there was either only a carrier evident, or a very crackly relayed signal.

Co. Meath. East Midlands Radio are reported to have been testing recently, on 100.8MHz., but it is also reported that they could be moving to 99.2MHz. Medium wave was also mentioned, on 1500kHz.(?) but not confirmed. A change to a higher frequency could be on the cards.

Co. Cork. Little news from here, apart from the fact that Eamon Kelly seems to have left WBEN.

Co. Leitrim. Now that Radio Carousel has changed channel, Melvin Community Radio, on 1125kHz., is becoming somewhat more audible, in some areas(not ours!). A new address has been determined. It is.....MCR, Rossinver, Co. Leitrim.

Early morning listening has been quite fruitful of late, which makes up a little for lousy groundwave listening later. Heard this past week, about 07:30, have been....North West Community Radio(NWCR) on 1116kHz., from Buncrana in Co. Donegal....Donegal Community Radio, on 954kHz., from Letterkenny in Co. Donegal...Radio North, with Mark Warner, on 1404kHz., from Cardonagh in Co. Donegal(This must be the most Northerly radio station to broadcast from Ireland)....Kandy Radio, with Mark White(?), on 1386kHz., from Ballinasloe, in Co. Galway....Radio Luimni, with 'John the Man', on 1125kHz., from Limerick. How we envy Limerick listeners, being able to listen to this amazing chap, every morning. Would one of our kind Limerick readers be good enough to make us an FM recording of this man's programmes, in order that we may offer same for our valued subscribers to sample. You may state your choice of exchange tape from our prized collection, in return. All the above stations can often be heard again, in the evening. Around midnight is a favourite time, when many of the foreign stations go off. Going back to Radio North, though, for a moment, whilst the 1404kHz. transmissions seem to be an improvement on the 1386kHz. ones, the usual problem of the foreigner causing interference, around tea-time, even in the service area, is apparent. Clearish night-time channels are just about nonexistent, and at this time of year, interference can be terrible at certain times, even a few miles from the transmitter. Radio West experienced this problem quite recently. Radio Caroline are going to, very shortly. Neighbours, NWCR, on 1116kHz. have a reasonably good night time channel, with no 'mega' stations operating simultaneously. Conditions are really at their worst now, and it won't be too long before the New Year, and better things ahead.

Whilst on with general things....a letter, read out on the Radio West free radio programme, mentioned a few stations on FM, which were new to us. They were.....East Connaught Community Radio on 96.4MHz., giving an address of ECCR Entertainments, High Street, Tuam, Co. Galway. They apparently programme from 11:00 till 20:00 daily. Radio Mayo with transmitters in Claremorris on 99.0MHz. and Castlebar on 96.0MHz. Finally, a station in Galway, on 99.0MHz., identifying as KFM. The only three stations in this area, we know about, on medium wave are WLS in Galway, on 846kHz., Kandy Radio in Ballinasloe, on 1386kHz. and Mid West Radio in Ballyhaunis, on 1332kHz., (and also on 101.2MHz., according to the above letter).

THE VOICE OF PEACE. Little news from Israel, although we understand that the AM transmitter is still off the air. The FM transmitter is operating normally however. No staff shortages exist at present, with no fewer than eight presenters on hand. The existing team of Mike Darby, Tim Shepherd, Gavin Ford and Andrew Brown, have been joined by Casper Bateley, Neil Armstrong, Dave Asher(re-joined, in this case!) and an unknown American, by the surname of 'Tickle', we think.

SEALAND. According to ITV Oracle Channel 4 Television, on Tuesday 25th November 1986(page 541 Sheet 6 of 8 and 7 of 8)....'Tony Blackburn's Soul Spot....U.K. Radio: The Continuing Saga....There are plans for the setting up of three new "legal" pirate stations on Sealand, a tiny principality which exists on a disused fort in the North Sea, off the coast of Britain. But, it seems that plans are on ice at the moment, as the backers are worried that the Marine Offences Act might still apply to Sealand'.

COMMUNICATOR. Will this be the last time we head this column with that word? According to the following 'Press Release', it appears so.....

LASER

HOT HITS

PRESS RELEASE

Radio Laser is due to re-commence transmissions of American Format 'Pop Music' from the m.v. Communicator anchored in the International waters of the North Sea on Monday 1st December, 1986.

The vessel has spent the last year in Harwich Harbour being re-furbished by East Anglian Productions who purchased the vessel from the Admiralty Marshal following the collapse of the previous company. The vessel has been inspected by Department of Transport officials who cleared the vessel in mid November.

The All-American DeeJays will present a formula of 'Hot Hits' of European and American Chart Records with selected oldies 20 hours a day to an estimated 10 million listeners in the UK and Continent. Ex-Radio One Newsbeat newsreader Andrew Turner will present hourly news bulletins.

A Dallas based Sales Company - 'Radio Waves Incorporated' have initial advertising contracts for \$250,000 in the first three months of operation, including major American Film & Entertainment Companies, International Holiday Companies, A leading Japanese Car Company and various sponsored programs throughout the week. Radio Laser are also promoting their own 'Anti Drugs Campaign' with a \$1,000,000 budget. An 'Aids' campaign and Christmas 'Drink & Drive' Campaign is also planned for later.

All supplies to the vessel are being supplied via European Legal Routes, even duty free fuel, tobacco and spirits are being supplied by our tendering company.

As the vessel is in international waters the radio station is perfectly legal. The American DeeJays are not breaking 'The Marine Offences Act of 1967' as it only applies to British Subjects. All supplies are being supplied from the continent so as not to provoke the British Authorities.

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Despite reports that the ship was 'heading for the "Med" 'going to Belgium', last Sunday, it was still sitting where we stated it was, near to Sealand. This is according to one of our reporters on the coast down there, who spotted it with his binoculars, during a period of good visibility. We have no reports to say it is anywhere, other than in this position, and can only wait and see what happens. There is certainly plenty of excitement around and plenty to read on the matter(see cuttings). It is quite astounding when one looks at the Daily Telegraph article, to see so many mistakes. Surely one could expect facts checked and stories researched before going to print. Apparently not, it would seem, which is quite surprising for a 'quality daily' like the Telegraph.

CAROLINE. Once again, due to extremely rough seas, the week started off with exactly the same staff aboard the ship, as the previous three weeks. The only exception noted on air, was that Jenny McKenzie had not been heard for several days. With most of the D.J's sounding rather fed up, it must have been quite a relief for them, when a few new faces finally arrived on board on Thursday morning, whilst the North Sea had calmed down somewhat. On that morning, Mark Matthews hosted the breakfast show as normal, but was followed by the return of Dave James, who seems to have now settled in on this midmorning slot, replacing Peter 'World Service' Philips, who has not been heard since Wednesday. On the same day, but this time, after John Dwyar, at 17:00, Richard Jackson also made a re-appearance, in place of Jamie King, who has now left the ship along with Peter. Richard Jackson has spent most of his few weeks on shore, holidaying in The United States. He no doubt, took the opportunity to listen to some of the plethora of radio stations available on the 'wireless'. His show lasted until 21:00, and he was followed by Caroline Martin, who has been hosting this late evening programme for over a week now. The last new voice was heard, after Caroline Martin, at 01:00, when Keith Lewis made his first appearance on the station. Keith recently did a six month stint out aboard the Voice of Peace, off the coast of Israel, so it shouldn't take him long to get his sea legs! His first 'knee knocking' show on Radio Caroline only lasted one hour due to the station closing down for maintainance at 02:00. He was not heard Friday, due to early close-down. The lineup on Friday, which is presumed to be that which will continue next week, unless there are more changes in staff was : 05:00 Mark Matthews...09:00 Dave James...13:00 John Dwyar...17:00 Richard Jackson...21:00 Caroline Martin...01:00 Keith Lewis.

Following, an absence of new ads recently, the tender that brought the replacement D.J.'s in the middle of the week, must have also brought a pile of new commercials. Prior to this, in the early part of the week, a new ad specially made for Christmas, from Rainbow International disco/lighting equipment was noted here. The Caroline Rock Show also seems to be back on the road, and a promo for their venue in Leytonstone, on December 1st, has been aired a lot this past week. On Thursday, a new series of commercials, began to be aired. The first to be heard by us, were two different ones, for Bose speaker systems. (Bose previously advertised on Laser 558.) A promo for the opening on December 1st, of The American Sofa Bed Machine was also monitored here on Thursday. According to the ad, the shop is adjacent to King's Cross station, in London.

On the news side of things, John Dwyar, has continued to read the morning bulletins, and headlines on the halfhour, despite the crew changes. Richard Jackson has now taken over reading the 13:00 news, from Jamie King, and Mark Matthews has replaced John Tyler, who was reading the 'Drive Time' news. As well as traffic reports being heard during the breakfast show, we have also noted it creeping into the 'Drive' show, although we are not sure how long they have been doing this.

Despite being on the air, every night this past week (as opposed to last week), Overdrive has been closing early in order that maintenance can be carried out. The closure times have varied from either 01:00 in the first half of the week, to 02:00 in the latter part. Except for Wednesday night, when Mark Matthews spun from 21:30 to 00:00, John Tyler has hosted all the programmes this week, including throughout the night on Sunday, before and after the 'Spin re-spin' concert, of 'Green On Red', at 22:00. Also on Sunday night/Monday morning, John Tyler had to stay for more than the 7 hours he had already been on the air, to once again try his hand at Dutch, as the Radio Monique D.J. did not manage get to the studio for 04:00. John had to persevere for about 10 minutes until the Monique Theme 'Terrahawks', was finally played and we heard a real Dutch accent. On Wednesday night, during Mark's only appearance this week, he was asking for listeners to write in with some constructive criticisms, on the 'Overdrive' format, which has been now on the air for a long while. Do you like it as it is, or are there some other bands which require some more airplay? All comments to the usual 'Overdrive' address in New York, and as John Dwyar commented earlier in the week, on the 558kHz service, they will try and deliver the letters to the Ross, by Transatlantic Submarine if all other methods fail! (He was obviously referring to the rough seas causing delays.) Whether that night was the last for Mark Matthews, we are unsure of, as John Tyler, shortly after opening the service on Thursday night, commented something to the effect, that we were unlikely to hear Mark again. John again opened the proceedings on Friday night, and announced he was hosting till 02:00, when he would be pressing the button for Mr. 3 1/4 inch himself, Mark Matthews, presumably meaning that he was on tape. This seemed strange, as he always seemed to prefer playing the music on 963kHz!! However we shall listen out and see. An 'Overdrive Test Match Special' was planned for Friday, between 00:30 and 02:00, presumably with reports about the match 'down under'. However the station left the air rather rapidly, on both frequencies, shortly after midnight, with John Tyler saying that the weather was good, so they were all about to put on their balaclavas and do some work on deck, beneath the twinkling stars. Mark Matthews did appear on tape, on Saturday/Sunday, at 02:00, as promised. At 15:25 today, the station once again, left the air, for transmitter maintenance, and returned about an hour later at 16:30gmt. Both channels were affected.

As regards Radio Monique, programmes were once again 'manned' as of Tuesday last, although news was not noted until later in the week. The station now seems to be back to normal, we are pleased to say. 'Live' presenters on board were....Ad Roberts (reported in OEM Issue 63 to have been born in 1964, when it was in fact, 1954), Dick Verheul and Peter de Groot. Current adverts on Monique include....Texas cigarettes, Hairspray, Singapore Airlines, Johan Maasbach, Monique Disco Show/TShirts/Sweat Shirts/Posters, Vito M, Technics Hi Fi, Citizen watches, and many more.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. According to 'Oracle' (mentioned above)....'There have been 167 raids on 61 pirate radio stations over the last year, with 57 people in all, convicted under the Wireless & Telegraphy Act. The highest fine collected was £1,000. However, the pirates keep on coming. The Government plans for community radio might have helped solve the pirate problem, but the franchises were eventually, and mysteriously, withdrawn. So, still, most of the U.K.'s music (and particularly soul) radio is broadcast against the law....a ridiculous state of affairs.

LIVERPOOL. Radio Merseywaves continues to be, not only the North West's, but possibly the country's most powerful, medium wave pirate. The station broadcasts on 1242kHz. (always announces 1233kHz.), from about mid afternoon Friday, until Monday evening, occasionally the early hours of Tuesday, with an incredibly powerful signal. Although not a 24 hour pirate, programmes were announced right through Saturday night, until 06:00 Sunday (closedown), re-opening at 08:00. Format is now more mixed, and less 100% disco, which will appeal to a wider audience, although in fairness, the majority of presenters do have 'residencies' at local clubs and discos, and are not afraid to hide this fact, and make frequent mentions, on the air. The station closed at 19:00, last Monday, in order that all the station presenters could have the chance of attending the Under 18's Night Out at Ma Bakers (a local night-club). Special festive season broadcasts are planned, we understand, including Christmas Day. Presenters noted, include....Dave Collins, Jeff Starr, DJC, KTC, Peter Thomas, Mark Wright, Paul James, Paul Jay, Mark Palmer, Wayne Scott, Tony Hollis, Don La One and Dave Benitez. As stated last week, Barry Noble has left to work in Tenerife, but promises tape programmes from there.

Due to poor conditions, and the fact that Radio Veronica are not operating, no other stations have been noted. However, Tim Jackson, in his report on the Merseyside scene for last week, tells us that noted

locally were....Concept Radio on 104.3MHz., last weekend, and promising a fuller schedule for the festive season.....Commodore Radio on 105.3MHz., with a poor signal, on Sunday evening.....Central Radio, on 1404kHz., last Saturday and Sunday, having severe problems, and finally giving up at about 14:30 on the Sunday....Radio Suburbia, on 1449kHz., on Sunday, at 13:23, but reception here was reported as 'grim'. Other stations mentioned were....Radio Supreme, on 105.5MHz., Radio Caroline North, on 1611kHz., then 1395kHz., both over last weekend, and Mersey Sound (on 103.45MHz.) and Mersey FM, both during the week. Storeton Community Radio are reported to have made some low power tests of late, but no further details are at hand.

THE MIDLANDS. Radio PCRL are reported to have been on air all this past wee, on 103.4MHz.

LONDON AREA. The following stations have been noted throughout the week, we are informed....LWR, on 92.1MHz., Starpoint, on 94.2MHz. and LGR, on 105.1MHz. These were joined over the weekend by WBLs on 88.5MHz., TKO, on 90.5MHz. and KISS FM, on 94.0MHz. It is also reported from other areas that JBC, on 104.8MHz. was on the air. A further report from West Sussex, tells us that additionally, the following stations have been noted over the past couple of weeks, whilst driving to and from work in the area.....TVR on 88.6MHz., changing to 88.9MHz., Primetime, on 89.7MHz., Unid., on 89.9MHz., People's Choice, on 103.7MHz., Time FM on 103.8MHz. and Radio Gemini on 104.3MHz.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS....Today's log...

3463kHz...UNID.(ORION?), at 09:44gmt.
6200kHz...RADIO TONAIR, at 10:37gmt.
6206kHz...C.L.C.G., at 09:19gmt.
6206kHz...HOLIDAY RADIO, at 11:21gmt.
6206kHz...RADIO TITANIC, at 12:21gmt.
6206kHz...RADIO DELMARE, at 13:58gmt.
6206kHz...WORLD STAR RADIO, at 14:02gmt.
6220kHz...RADIO KRISTEL, at 11:08gmt.
6235kHz...RADIO NEPTUNE, at 13:00gmt.(QSO).
6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW INT., at 10:02gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO PAMELA, at 13:00gmt.(QSO).
6261kHz...UNID.(SRI?), at 09:05gmt.
6261kHz...GOOD NEWS RADIO, at 09:23gmt.
6261kHz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 11:20gmt.
6266kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:08gmt.
6266kHz...WREKIN RADIO, at 13:45gmt.
6270kHz...RADIO SOVEREIGN, at 13:12gmt.(QSO).
6273kHz...RADIO LYNDIA, at 11:23gmt.
6276kHz...RADIO NORMAAL, at 09:26gmt.
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 11:17gmt.
6280kHz...RADIO W.R., at 14:39gmt.
6285kHz...W.L.R., at 13:13gmt.(QSO).
6290kHz...UNID., at 10:00gmt.
6293kHz...RADIO APOLLO, at 11:56gmt.
6296kHz...RADIO SOVEREIGN, at 09:20gmt.
6300kHz...RADIO NEPTUNE, at 12:39gmt.
6310kHz...RADIO IRELAND, at 12:16gmt.
6319kHz...F.M.T.R., at 12:43gmt.
6525kHz...RADIO PAMELA, at 11:17gmt.
6625kHz...RADIO MARABUE, at 10:12gmt.
6815kHz...RADIO PAMELA, at 10:48gmt.
6815kHz...RADIO MONGOOSE, at 11:32gmt.
6830kHz...F.R.S. HOLLAND, at 11:56gmt.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 11:11gmt.
7367kHz...RADIO AQUARIUS, at 10:47gmt.
7375kHz...RADIO WAVES, at 08:56gmt.
7840kHz...UNID.(possibly Waves), at 10:44gmt.

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We were not on good form today, as can be seen by our logs (in bold type). However, our other loggers were, and they rang in on (0253) 882017, from Kent, The Midlands, Leeds and Blackpool. Conditions were nevertheless, quite good.

Heady Eddie seemed to be missing from Radio Rainbow, as the Jim Agnew show was repeated after 12:00. Radio Skywave announced that they would have a Radio Newsletter available at the end of the week. The unidentified station on 6290kHz. was playing nonstop music, until it signed off at 10:00gmt. FMTR are asking for tapes of comments about the station, which they will then play, at the rate of one per week. Radio Aquarius were asking for reports from England, in particular, to their address, RAI, Postbus 65027, Rotterdam.

Amendments to last week's log, from Podney, Stuart and SSM.....our unidentified on 6815kHz., last week, was Radio Pamela, at 11:16gmt.

LOGS FOR SATURDAY 29th November 1986.

6206kHz...WORLD STAR RADIO, at 11:00gmt.
6206kHz...FREE RADIO COMPANY, at 11:07gmt.
6206kHz...SUNRISE RADIO, at 12:36gmt.
6206kHz...RADIO ARROW, at 13:25gmt.
6206kHz...RADIO LIMIT, at 14:17gmt.
6280kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:12gmt.
6295kHz...RADIO SOVEREIGN, at 11:22gmt.
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 10:00gmt.

Radio Orion have been noted during weekday evenings, on 3463kHz., and on 6280kHz., on weekday mornings. This change to 6280 is presumably to avoid the teleprinters on 6240. Radio Dublin has also been logged each day.

Our thanks to all loggers, reporters, and everyone who has bothered to send in news cuttings again, this week. A special welcome to yet another female reporter from Ireland, Catherine from Mullingar.

